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Four Hornet pitchers handle opposing batters in their separate ways



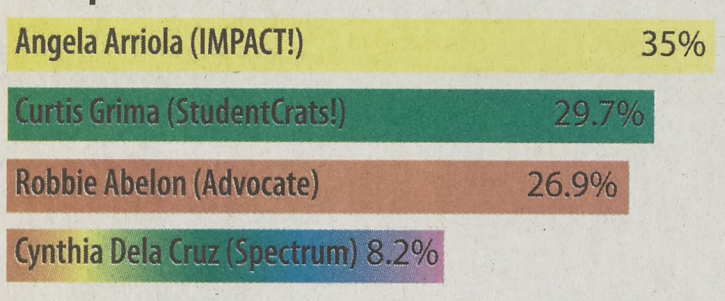
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Campus's amateur ballroom dance club covers a variety of styles



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Arriola ends run of male presidents



SHANE ANGELL/STATE HORNET
Angela Arriola celebrates her victory in the ASI presidential race on April 26. She will be the first female president in nine years.

She becomes first female since 1998 to hold the office

MAXWELL PUCKETT
State Hornet

Next semester's Associated Students Inc. president will be Angela Arriola, the first woman president since 1996-97 ASI President Sandra Schlemmer.

Women took nine of 14 seats available on the ASI board during the April 25-26 election.

Arriola has a big agenda.

In an effort to meet the concerns of individual students, she plans to increase the activity of board members who represent specific colleges.

"We want to make the office of ASI more student friendly and welcoming," Arriola said.

"This will take a restructuring of ASI, restructuring board duties, holding board members accountable and providing quality leadership training early in the board's term. All members will be held accountable; if they aren't, they won't remain."

Arriola recognizes that all of this won't happen in one year.

"We can't revolutionize the university in one year, but we are going to lay the foundation for this," Arriola said.

One of Arriola's visions is to create a Center for Entrepreneurship, by working with

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LAST TEN ASI PRESIDENTS

2006-07 – Angela Arriola
2005-06 – Angel Barajas
2004-05 – Josh Wood
2003-04 – Peter Ucovich
2002-03 – Eric Guerra
2001-02 – Art Pimentel
2000-01 – Jason Bryant
1999-2000 – Geoffrey Sakala
1998-99 – Gary Davis
1997-98 – Sandra Schlemmer

GENDER BENDERS



Sacramento State students Rian Carroll, left, Edgar Camacho, center, and Eddie Smith perform on stage in Friday night's drag show in the University Union Ballroom. The show was part of the fifth annual Gender Bending Extravaganza and Art Show, and was held on the final day of Pride Week on campus.

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PRIDE AGAINST PREJUDICE

Program that educates on gay issues gets new facility

MATTHEW BELTRAN
State Hornet

Twenty percent of California's 2004 hate crimes were related to the victim's perceived or actual sexual orientation or gender. Ten percent happened at a public school or on a college campus.

One Sacramento State program hopes to reduce those statistics, reported through the Attorney General's office, and educate the campus by establishing a Pride Resource Center.

The Sac State Pride program hopes to make a difference.

The Pride program, which helps provide support and education on gay issues, was established in 2004 and has been operating in the Women's Resource Center.

Vice President of Student Affairs Lori Varlotta met with the Queer Straight Alliance and members of Pride to discuss the need for a larger space for the growing program. Varlotta said she and the Pride program hope to open the resource center in Foley Hall by next semester.

Sugiyama

On Jan. 29, the California State Student Association passed a resolution in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex student communities, urging the creation of resource centers for these communities on college campuses.

"Space is a resource that is high in demand for the Pride students," Varlotta said.

Over the next two years, Pride will have to monitor the usage of the center by the campus community and determine if additional space is needed for the program, Varlotta said.

Pride Director Bonnie Sugiyama said the creation of a resource center will not only help in providing a physical space for the program but will also separate the program from the Women's Resource Center, giving the program its own identity.

For most people, coming out is difficult, and by having a Pride Resource Center, students who need support will find it, Sugiyama said.

"It can be hard for a gay male coming out to go to the Women's Resource Center," Sugiyama said.

According to the resolution, students who come out to their family can potentially lose

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President Alexander Gonzalez says he is still looking for private donors

What's in a name? Lots of money

GAMALIEL ORTIZ
State Hornet

Private money donations – partly through naming rights – are vital to the completion of a campus arena, President Alexander Gonzalez announced last month.

Although the university's athletic facility project (formerly known as the RWEC) is now named the Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex, naming rights for the arena portion of the project are still available, said Frank Whitlatch, associate vice president of public affairs.

Spanos donated $10 million for the project.

Naming rights for the arena could be

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Art professor is 'outraged' by vandalism

BRANDON DARNELL
State Hornet

Two Royal Chicano Air Force paintings that were vandalized last month are now back where they belong – hanging on display in the library, despite some rips and bent edges.

What hasn't been damaged is the paintings' historic significance – they represent an art movement that started at Sacramento State and merged with the Chicano rights effort.

"I am outraged and incensed as to what happened," said Ricardo Favela, an associate professor of art and one of the three founding members of the organization. Favela owns the paintings that were vandalized.



REBECCA MASTON/STATE HORNET
After being vandalized, this piece of Chicano artwork is back on display in the Library.

One of the works was painted by Gilbert Lujan and depicts a Mayan driving a yellow Chevrolet decorated with Mayan art. A gun on top of the car is shooting flowers, not bullets. Favela said this painting demonstrates the

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ASI president helps lead charge on Capitol

JESSICA WEIDLING
State Hornet

While most students were rolling out of bed at 8 a.m. on Monday, Angel Barajas, Associated Students Inc. president, was waving an American flag and leading a fleet of 75 to 100 students to the steps of the state Capitol.

The goal of the protesters: to send a message to Washington that the U.S. House of Representatives bill, which would make many illegal immigrants felons, would not be tolerated by the 11 million illegal immigrants nationwide – and the 2.5 million illegal immigrants who live in California.

The day, deemed "The Great American Boycott 2006" by a California Senate resolution, sought to draw attention to the contributions of the illegal immigrant population, including contributions of $4.5 billion in state taxes and $30 billion in federal taxes, according to the resolution.

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Committee votes to hike dorm fees

MAXWELL PUCKETT
State Hornet

Sacramento State's Student Fee Advisory Committee voted to increase student dorm fees $478 per year in order to fund the construction of new dorms, pushing the academic year total of dorm fees to $5,250.

The April 11 vote will be implemented in the fall if President Alexander Gonzalez approves it.

The fees are intended to fund construction of new dorms, which are slated to be completed by fall 2009.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Cynthia Cockrill said the amount of new dorms to be built is based on a market demand study conducted for development of more on-campus housing.

The goal of the new housing is to serve first-time freshman, first-time transfers, international students, returning sophomores and athletes, Cockrill said.

Further fee increases of up to 10 percent per year over the next two years may be implemented depending on further market analysis, Cockrill said.

The legislation was passed by a 3 to 2 vote.

Associated Students Inc. President Angel Barajas, who was one of the two members against the fee, opposed the legislation on many grounds.

"A substantial fee increase of $478 for students housing is not a fee increase worth implementing on top of a possible 8 percent tuition fee increase from the state

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Athlete, accuser reach a 'mutual agreement'

NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

A Sacramento State men's basketball player reached a "mutual agreement" with a student volunteer who accused him of sexual harassment, said Leonard Valdez, a judicial officer with Student Affairs.

The player, who will remain anonymous, will not be punished by coach Jerome Jenkins, who said he still doesn't "even know what happened" concerning the alleged incident in a campus dormitory room in early February.

Valdez would not release the terms of the agreement between the player and accuser. The accuser wanted to remain anonymous for safety reasons.

Residence hall adviser Mary Stowes confirmed that she received a verbal complaint that accused the player of harassment on Feb. 14.

The accuser, who said he did not file a police report, told The State Hornet on Feb. 16 that a player attempted to grab his crotch and that, while doing so, made verbal remarks that made him feel uncomfortable. This account of the incident differed from his Feb. 15 statement, when he told the Hornet that the player grabbed his crotch.

The incident, according to the accuser, occurred inside his dorm room.

Valdez said Student Affairs first learned of the incident through a Feb. 16 article on The State Hornet's Web site. The judicial officer said he met with both parties before they reached an agreement.

Jenkins said his players would be attending educational classes about sexual harassment.

"My guys know if they disrespect anybody in any way it won't be tolerated," the coach said.

The accuser said he no longer works with the athletic department.

NEWS DIGEST

Greeks crown champs

Alpha Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon earned bragging rights as they were announced Greek Week winners at Greek Sing Friday.

Going into the week's last event, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon were the leading fraternities, and Alpha Phi and Chi Delta were the leading sororities.

Alpha Phi senior Lindsey McGowan said the chance to be creative with the routine sets Greek Sing apart from the other events held throughout Greek Week.

"Greek Sing is more about personality than athletic ability," McGowan said.

Spectators watched as the different chapters performed their routines with other sororities and fraternities cheering each other on.

Junior Nick Tenuto said he liked the event.

"I think they (all) tried their best and a lot of effort was put into their routine," Tenuto said.

– Matthew Beltran

Creperie to say *au revoir*

ALICIA LOZA-PONCE
State Hornet

The departure of long-time food establishment La Creperie — located within Sacramento State's Riverfront Center — has frustrated some students.

As of June 16, the lease will be up for the eatery, and the company, which has been at the university for almost 10 years, was asked to leave by the university and was refused a lease renewal.

The news surprised students, and some talked about no longer eating on campus.

Senior Silvia Hilt, a biology major, said La Creperie is the only place on campus that she'll go because it offers healthy food and great service.

Senior Dave Marian, a mechanical engineering major, said it's the only good food on campus. "I walk all the way over here just for this food. It's different, and everything else is fast food," Marian said.

La Creperie owner Michel Bloch said he was never given an explanation as to why the business is being asked to leave.

"I don't want to go into a war, a fight, an arm wrestle, but I think that an injustice has been done to me," Bloch said.

Matt Altier, executive director of University Enterprises Inc., said the reason Bloch was denied a renewal on his lease is strictly for business reasons.

Bloch was made aware of the reasons La Creperie must leave through a verbal notice given to him several weeks ago along with a document stating the explanations, Altier said.

Bloch said he does not know the specific reasons for the lease not being renewed, but suspects La Creperie is being asked to leave because of late rent payments.

The university is doing what it feels is the best for students by exploring options with different vendors, Altier said. Decisions will be based on the best offer.

Whatever fills the new space will be something that customers will want, Altier said.

But Bloch said he is certain the campus will feel the absence of the eatery.

"It's an international point in which people from all over come here because we cater to different ethnicities and I'm sure we will be missed," Bloch said.

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Campus Police Log

April 21

Vehicle Theft – Residence Hall Parking – A 1991 Chevrolet pick-up was stolen between April 20 and April 21.

Vandalism – Library – Around 7:30 p.m. a woman reported that her election sign had been broken.

April 22

False Fire Alarm – University Union – A first floor fire alarm was pulled around 1 p.m.

Missing person – Main Quad – A woman reported her 7-year-old autistic son missing at the Earth Day event. He was located later.

Burglary – Parking Lot 8 – A turquoise Nissan Frontier was broken into around 4 p.m.

False Fire Alarm – University Union – A first floor smoke alarm went off around 4:45 p.m.

April 23

Burglary – Public Services Building – A man said his Gray Toyota Tacoma was stolen around 4 p.m.

False Fire Alarm – Mariposa Hall – A smoke alarm went off around 6 p.m. when an employee burned some popcorn.

Burglary – Outpost – A man said he thinks someone was trying to steal some lighting and audio equipment from the area around the theater when he found it by a dumpster. No equipment is missing.

April 24

False Fire Alarm – Draper Hall – A pull station was activated on the third floor around 1 p.m.

April 25

Burglary – Parking Lot 8 – A man said his black Honda Accord was broken into around 3 p.m., and a radio and a digital camera were taken.

Burglary – Parking Lot 11 – A man said his beige Honda Accord was broken into at 3:45 p.m.

Hit and Run – Parking Lot 6 – A silver Toyota Camry was hit between 10 a.m. and 2p.m.

Hit and Run – Public Service Building – A car was hit between 5:30 p.m. and 6:45p.m., and no note was left.

April 26

Loose or Dangerous Animal – Adams Building – A deer was reported in the area around the Adams building.

Burglary – Draper Hall – Between April 24 and April 26, a man reported his iPod and Xbox power cord were stolen.

Thursday

False Fire Alarm – University Union – An alarm was set off by steam in the kitchen around 4 p.m.

Friday

Public Drunkenness – Desmond Hall – Two 19-year-old women were arrested for public drunkenness and taken to Sacramento County Jail around 2:30 a.m.

Disturbing the Peace – Parking Lot 2 – A fight was broken up by police at 9 a.m.

Vehicle Recovery – College Town Drive – A stolen Nissan pickup was recovered around 10:30p.m.

Saturday

False Fire Alarm – Placer Hall – A fire alarm was pulled around 8:30 p.m.

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PROTEST: Students march to Capitol

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federal taxes, according to the resolution.

"It was in order to show support for Latino immigrants in the state and country," said Delfina Pedilla, a senior psychology major.

Pedilla, a child of farm worker immigrants, said she doesn't believe illegal immigrants are a drain to the U.S. economy and should be given their civil rights.

Wearing white shirts – a symbol of peace – the student protesters, organized by the Chicano Student Movement of Aztlán (MEChA), marched more than seven miles, joining other Chicano groups at Southside Park in downtown Sacramento and arriving at the Capitol as the sun hung directly over the sky.

Barajas said at one point Sac State students, accompanied by other college and high school participants, totaled more than 300.

A separate stream of protesters, made up mainly of labor groups, met at the federal immigration building on the corner of 5th Street and Capitol Avenue, and marched toward the Capitol, merging with the Southside Park group.

"It was beautiful when you stood at the Capitol stairs – it was an ocean of white," said Maria Lopez, a junior criminal justice major. For Lopez, the march signaled her first visit to the Capitol and her first time protesting. She said the sight was breathtaking "seeing all these people united for one cause."

For several hours drums and bullhorns sang out as 15,000 to 18,000 protesters, according to police, and 30,000 to 40,000 protesters, according to many participants, surrounded the Capitol chanting "Sí se puede" or "Yes, it can be done" and waving Mexican, American and white flags.

Protesters also held signs bearing messages such as "I love immigrants" and "Legalize not criminalize."

Protesters also came out in many major cities nationwide: nearly 1 million in Los Angeles; 12,000 in New York; 55,000 in San Francisco; and 300,000 in Chicago, according to CNN.

Barajas, whose Nu Alpha Kappa fraternity members volunteered as security personnel, making sure protesters knew their rights, grew up accustomed to visits from his undocumented uncle and other illegal immigrants in his family. His father and sister are natives of Mexico.

"They are hard working people, they are big on family and very humble individuals," Barajas said of the Mexican immigrants.

The protest, which was a mix of ages and ethnicities, represented the mix of illegal immigrants in California, Barajas said.

Eric Guerra, ASI president in 2002-03, also volunteered at the march.

An undocumented immigrant himself, working as a janitor during his earlier years at the university, Guerra got his citizenship during his sophomore year of college.

Guerra said many of his engineering friends who were "smart kids taking physics and three dimensional calculus" could not apply for financial aid without legal status – a process that usually takes six to seven years, he said.

Guerra, who has worked closely with the immigration issue as a Fellow and now staffer in Senator Gill Cedillo's office (D-Los Angeles), said he feels there is lack of understanding surrounding immigration and the hurdles of U.S. citizenship.

Now that many immigrant families are mixed – with some members who are illegal and some who have gained citizenship – it is difficult to deport people, breaking the familial ties, Guerra said.

Guerra said he came out to help citizens and policy makers "recognize that we have a defunct system and we need to change it."

To those who criticize the protesters as being "un-American," Guerra said, "That is the most American thing you can do – petition your government for grievances."

Nicole Ishiara, a sophomore sociology major, protested with MEChA and came out to march for those who didn't have the luxury of missing work or class. "A lot of people can't march today, and it's important that I march for them."

Mimi Beas, co-chair of MEChA and ASI chief of staff, helped organize the event after students expressed interest at the group's meeting.

For Beas, the purpose of the march was "to show solidarity and to take direct action to our community – to raise awareness on the issues we are facing."

Barajas said he was amazed that the day of protest was organized after the immigration bill has been public for only 5 months – since November.

Barajas said he could feel the cohesiveness of the protest, which he thinks will impact the economy, sending a message to policy makers.

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About 300 students converged on the state Capitol on Monday to protest a proposed immigration bill.

Stipends could be provided to faculty

GAMALIEL ORTIZ
State Hornet

President Alexander Gonzalez provided a short-term solution that could give up to 146 instructors stipends to supplement their salaries, buying junior faculty and the collective bargaining process some time to begin addressing the base salary issues directly.

In the memo that was sent out Friday, Gonzalez stated that the campus has no authority to increase base pay for faculty unless there is a promotion or a modification in the market article in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Ranging from $300 to $5,400, faculty is in position to apply for a one-time payment based on their various academic efforts, such as those that promote pedagogy or scholastic creativity, Gonzalez outlined in memo to faculty Faculty Senate Chair Cristy Jensen.

Stipend applications from full-time tenured or those near it can be filled out as early as the summer session.

"It's a start," said Mary Carlin, assistant professor in public policy and administration.

Carlin said the university is trying to make up the difference of the pay disparity while finding a long-term solution for the base pay of faculty. Carlin said she understands she will be eligible for the stipend, but she's not clear on the application process.

The amount of the stipend will depend on the year of the hire and current salary, giving instructors with lower salaries a larger stipend. The university could dish out more than $372,000 to cover the stipends.

Not only will salaries be supplemented, but Gonzalez stated "there will be monetary recognition for the workload needed to develop the portfolio necessary for the tenure or promotion."

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To the Campus Community:

In the past few weeks, there has been much news about plans for the new Alex G. Spanos Sports & Recreation Complex. Unfortunately, there has also been information that is misleading, exaggerated or just plain wrong. I would like to clarify a few things.

First, **we are moving forward with the Recreation, Wellness and Events Center**. We have raised the initial $25 million I promised to raise, and I will continue to seek private funding and partners. The facility is an important component of Destination 2010 – an initiative to make this a destination campus for the West and a premier metropolitan university. By early summer, we will finish the "programming" phase in which we determine exactly what spaces will go into this building. The next step, this summer and fall, is to have the architect complete more detailed drawings. I expect to begin construction in early 2008 and open by 2010.

Recently, there was confusion when the Associated Students asked me not to fund the Broad Athletic Facility as part of the larger Spanos Sports & Recreation Complex. They believed that because the Broad Facility was not part of the original student-approved plan, its construction costs should not come out of the $25 million I promised to raise before the new student fee took effect. While it was not specifically mentioned in the very brief student referendum language two years ago, we have always known the old field house would need to be replaced. We also need to preserve the practice track in order to host events like the NCAA Track and Field Championships. And sure enough, the architect recommended that because of the available space we should demolish the old field house in order to make sufficient room for the Recreation, Wellness and Events Center. I have consulted the University's legal counsel on the funding issue raised by the Associated Students and counsel has determined that the Broad Athletic Facility is a necessary part of the overall Complex. Therefore, there is no reason to delay the project and we will move forward as planned.

The Spanos Sports & Recreation Complex will be **the largest project ever built at Sacramento State**. With well over 300,000 square feet of new construction, as well as a major renovation of Hornet Stadium, it must be built and funded in stages. My administration is committed to building it all, and we will continue to raise money until we have done it. The Complex includes:

The **Recreation, Wellness and Events Center**, at approximately 150,000 square feet, will be an important new part of student life. Though the list still needs to be finalized, the building is likely to include a fitness center, recreational courts, rock-climbing walls and a health center. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2008 and be completed in 2010.

The **Broad Athletic Facility** (pronounced "BRODE") is a 26,000 square-foot field house to the south of the stadium that will include a weight room, coaches' offices and other space for intercollegiate athletics. Groundbreaking will be in fall 2006 with completion expected in late 2007.

The **Arena** will be to the east of the stadium and is envisioned as seating up to 8,000 for events such as intercollegiate basketball, commencement and concerts. It is expected to be at least 160,000 square feet. We are looking for a private partner to help build and operate it.

Hornet Stadium will be renovated with upgraded seating, boxes, concessions and other amenities. Seating capacity and other details are still being developed.

Finally, I am making a renewed commitment to keeping you informed with a new project website: **www.SpanosSportsComplex.com**. You can also learn more about our ambitious Destination 2010 initiative at www.csus.edu/Destination2010.

It is inevitable that, despite all of our best efforts, there will be some confusion and miscommunication as changes happen at Sacramento State. But I hope you agree that this is a small price to pay for the outstanding facilities we will gain.

I want you to know that nothing will change my enthusiasm for this project and this campus.

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President

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ARRIOLA: All races won by 2 slates

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the College of Business to study the feasibility of such an institution.

"Many universities around the country have a Center for Entrepreneurship. This incorporates faculty, students, members of local businesses and CEO's working together to foster entrepreneurship in students and helping them create businesses," Arriola said.

As the current director of business on the ASI board, Arriola said she feels that this will be a very positive and influential organization.

"This will be a chance for students to put classroom knowledge into practice in a real world setting," Arriola said.

Arriola won with 1,204 votes over Curtis Grima (1,023), Robbie Abelon (927), and Cynthia Dela Cruz (285).

Executive Vice President for 2006-07 will be Jesus Andrade.

Both candidates come from the Impact slate, with three other Impact candidates won their director races – Christina Romero, Rachael Morton, and Timothy Jones – giving Impact five of 14 available seats. All remaining seats were won by Studentcrats, giving them nine of 14 offices.

At 9:03 p.m., April 26, ASI President Angel Barajas approached a podium set up in the University Union to announce the 2006 ASI student election results to a crowd of candidates and their supporters.

Angela Arriola, out of breath from celebrating with slate members, delivered her victory speech immediately following the results.

"Everyone did a good job – we worked hard and got the job done," she said. "Thanks to a great team. We had a great time working side by side. Thank you to my family, I will do my very best in office. We will act with impact!"

Team Impact then proceeded to the Library Quad for the winning president's traditional fountain jump.

Chicano Student Movement of Aztlán (MEChA) finished first for the club ballot category with 124 votes, followed by the Queer Straight Alliance with 115 votes and the College Democrats coming in third with 90 votes. Each club, 48 total, will earn $2 per vote received.

Ballot Measures 1 and Measure 3 passed, while Measure 2 failed.

There was an 5.4 percent increase in student voting from last year, with 13.4 percent of the student body (3,577 votes) casting ballots this year.

"I think the Vote Smart campaign was effective," said Olgalilia Ramirez, director of governmental affairs for ASI. "There was a big increase over last year, eight percent versus 13 percent. It can only move forward from here. Hopefully this percentage will only increase."

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Angela Arriola, right, received hugs after current ASI President Angel Barajas announced her as his successor. Arriola beat out three candidates for the post.



Angela Arriola has plans to make Associated Students Inc. more accessible to the individual student, she said.

ASI ELECTION RESULTS

Executive positions

Vice President	Pct.
Jesus M. Andrade	32.1
Walter Wallace	30.4
Noemi "Mimi" Beas	26.6
Christopher Moore	11.0
VP of Finance	
Tiffany Huang	59.1
Matthew Plummer	40.9
VP of University Affairs	
Chris Ramos	33.5
Miguel Cervantes	31.2
Lizette Tovar	26.7
Matt Taylor	9.0
VP of Academic Affairs	
Lynsie Hebert	31.6
Lenaea Sanders	31.1
Malik Rigard	28.6
Brandon Ida	8.8

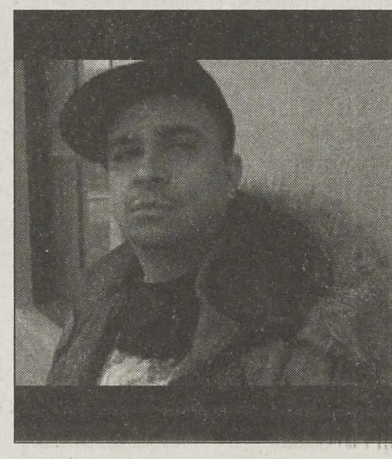
Measures

Measure 1 – Passed
Measure 2 – Failed
Measure 3 – Passed

Director positions

Arts and Letters
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Rachael Morton
Engineering and Computer Science
John Reynolds
Education
Adge Simon
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7:00 pm College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies
Hornet Stadium
Candidates assemble at 6:30 pm (lawn south of Tahoe Hall)

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Hornet Stadium
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10:00 am College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
Outdoor Theatre
Candidates assemble at 9:30 am (practice track)

12:00 pm College of Business Administration
Hornet Stadium
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ARENA: Cost estimate about $60 million

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crucial. At Fresno State University, Pepsi and Save Mart Supermarket gave $40 million for naming rights for the Save Mart Center, a $103 million project.

The biggest fundraising contribution for the Sac State project has come from a $12 million, 25-year partnership with Pepsi Bottling Group.

A bigger key to securing financing for the future arena could be its strategic positioning, which is in plain view of commuters that travel east and west on Highway 50 each day.

By financing the arena privately, Whitlatch said student fees could go toward making a better recreation, wellness and events center.

After initial plans of having an all-in-one center, the project was broken into separate facilities and phases: a recreation wellness and events center, arena, fieldhouse and stadium renovations. The entire project has an estimated price tag of more than $170 million, according to the project's newly launched Web site.

Whitlatch said the arena is an undefined phase of the project because it can be built as soon as funds are secured. Its estimate cost is between $60 million and $70 million, depending on seating capacity, according to the Web site.

But other financing possibilities are on the table, including naming rights within other parts of the complex, Whitlatch said.

CSU spokeswoman Clara Potes-Fellow said it is very common for campuses to use private funding to build non-academic facilities that serve student life.

State bonds are another method to raise money, but the state will only fund academic facilities, Potes-Fellow said.

"Usually students elect to tax themselves" for recreational buildings, but private financing has been a viable and necessary option for universities to build arenas and recreational centers, Potes-Fellow said.

Amy Polacko, spokeswoman for Pepsi Bottling Group (the largest distributor and manufacturer of Pepsi), said details of the partnership and contract couldn't be disclosed per policy.

Whitlatch said the first phase of the project would be a new field house, slated to break ground in the fall, because the current fieldhouse lies in the way of the future recreation, wellness and events center. The arena will be located on the south side of Parking Structure III.

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WHEN CULTURES COLLIDE ...



An Apache Dance was a part of Sacramento State's third annual Multicultural Night, where various organizations came together to promote diversity. The Thursday event – hosted by Epsilon Sigma Rho – celebrated diversity through fashion shows, dances, spoken word and rap performances.

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ART: Surveillance 'of value' to police

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peaceful nature of the organization.

The second painting was a promotion for a magazine and has an Aztec warrior and a Zuit-suiter holding up a pyramid with a Spanish slang word "AZLO," meaning "hello."

"It's definitely very ethnic," Favela said. "Anybody can look at it and know it."

Both Leslie Rivers, the University Library Gallery assistant, and Favela said they believe this was a hate crime.

"It is unfortunate that racism is alive and well in California," Favela said. "I spent all these years trying to get students … to understand that there is no difference (between people)."

The two paintings, which may not be able to be repaired, are part of a 75-painting collection that Favela described as being some of the organization's best work.

"I want this case pursued," Favela said. He said he plans on meeting with the library and Sac State President Alexander Gonzalez to make sure the vandalism incident isn't ignored.

Police have made some progress in the investigation – they have questioned a man – but have not formally charged anyone with the crime. The investigation under is way and surveillance camera footage could help out. "(The surveillance video) was of value to us," said Sgt. Kelly Clark of the University Police Department.

The pieces were vandalized during a Sac State student protest, where students were criticizing the congressional immigration bill.

The Plexiglas protection that will eventually help protect the paintings from future vandalism has not been bought yet, but the Library Gallery should be getting estimates soon, Rivers said.

If the estimate for a full Plexiglas covering the entire display is affordable, that will be chosen. If not, the glass in the picture frames will be replaced with Plexiglas in the hope of barring any future destruction.

Favela said destroying an artist's work is a form of censorship, and is even worse than racism for an artist. He said he believes anyone has the right to protest artwork, but it must be done peacefully and not by destroying the art. Speaking out against the artwork would be just fine, he said.

Favela teaches Art 148 – Barrio Art for Ethnic Groups. The class has been involved with the organization since its founding in 1969.

Both the organization and the barrio art class began when two professors, José Montoya and Esteban Villa, were hired in the late '60s. Favela was a student living out of his car at the time.

The professors shared Kadema 193 as their office, and that was where the organization was born. Originally called the Rebel Chicano Art Front, the name was changed because the acronym was confused with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Members are even given wings similar to those worn by pilots, Favela said.

Montoya and Villa were hired, in large part, because of an uproar in the community to create a Chicano Studies major and hire more Chicano professors, Favela said. But because they did not have a classroom, they took students to the Washington Barrio, which is located where the American and Sacramento Rivers meet, and is the oldest Spanish neighborhood in Sacramento. The Chicano Studies program is now in its 36th year.

The organization had its heyday during the Chicanos' struggle for equal rights in the '70s. Favela attended a Caesar Chavez rally in Yuba City with Villa and his family. After finding out that Favela was living out of his car, Villa invited him to live with him. "I'll never forget that. I'm obligated to him," Favela said.

By the time Favela came to Sac State in the '80s, much of the fervor for Chicano rights was dying out. Now, with the new immigration bill and Latino/Chicano rights issues being talked about more, the movement is seeing a rebirth.

The organization, with 11-13 core members, has produced hundreds of works of art, many of which are located at UC Santa Barbara, where there is a Chicano art major, masters and doctorate program. Up to 600 prints were donated to them in 1986, Favela said.

When asked if the organization still exists, Favela smiled and said, "We're still alive and well." A group of current Sac State students, called the Brown Syndicate, produce art to promote Chicano issues. There will be a gallery showing in Del Paso Heights on May 12. After that, many of those students will be receiving their wings.

Favela said he is adamant that Chicanos be treated equally. He does not want to see Chicanos trying to elevate themselves above anyone else.

"We won't make that mistake," Favela said. "(We) know what it is to be discriminated against."

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PRIDE: New space should improve services

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emotional and financial support.

With support services concerning gay issues varying from campus to campus, the student association board urged the CSU Board of Trustees to foster resource centers, academic programs and classes that "analyze and celebrate" sexual orientation and gender diversity.

With a resource center, Pride plans to provide better resources to the campus community by offering gay workshops and support on gay issues; incorporate more gay studies courses into the curriculum; and increase gay representation on campus committees.

Sugiyama said the gay community is a microcosm of the greater society, composed of different genders, races and classes. "And it is important that more of us are heard," Sugiyama said.

Before meeting with Varlotta, the Queer Straight Alliance chapter on campus was planning to petition campus President Alexander Gonzalez to provide a resource center on campus.

Cynthia Dela Cruz, president of the Queer Straight Alliance, said the organization has been getting signatures for the petition since February and the center can be a resource to more than just the gay community.

"Someone will be there to help students with their questions regarding queer issues," Dela Cruz said.

According to the resolution, Pride and the campus community are sorely in need of a center. While operating out of the Women's Resource Center, Pride has expanded and needs more space to grow.

With added space, Sugiyama said the center can expand on its services. This includes "coming out" issues, applying for grants and scholarships, awareness of legal rights and providing more visibility to the speaker program offered by the Pride program, where guest speakers discuss gay issues ranging from laws to social issues.

With the resource center in place, instructors and other teaching institutions will be able to have easier access to arrange guest speakers to come to their classroom to speak on gay issues.

"The goal is to provide a safe and comfortable place to ask questions," Sugiyama said.

Helping Sugiyama in developing some of the programs offered by Pride, was Nancy Tubbs, director of the UC Riverside Queer Resource Center.

The resource center at Riverside has provided more than 150 training, events and educational seminars in 2005, Tubbs said.

"The goal of the center is to provide education, support and advocacy for the campus community regarding sexual orientation and gender identity," Tubbs said.

Tubbs said she couldn't stress enough the importance of having a physical space with a professional staff as a resource to the students.

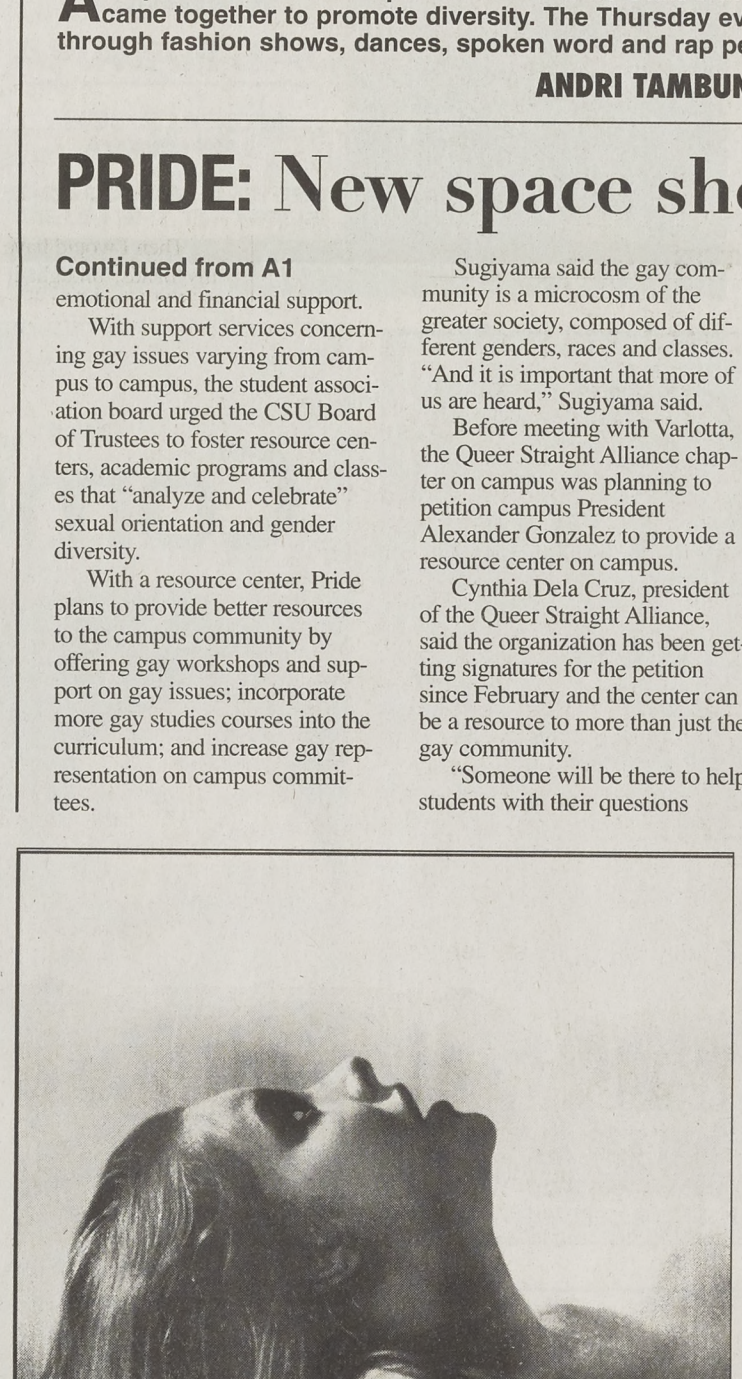
The UC system is privileged to have resource centers on their campus, Tubbs said. She hopes the CSU system continues the trend of providing better services to the students.

"State college students deserve the same support that the UC system provides," Tubbs said.

In 1993, Riverside's resource center became the first professionally staffed campus office of lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual resources in the state of California. Today, there are centers at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC San Francisco, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, USC, , Cal Poly, Cal Pomona and Stanford.

More than 180 campuses with resource programs exist nationwide.

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Dorm Fee Hits Empty Wallets

Fees have gone up by leaps and bounds over the past few years at Sacramento State. Th campus, which once had fees less than $1,000, is moving toward a price few can pay.

With the $110 fee increase for the Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex likely to come this fall, student budgets are going to be tight. The last thing students need is another hit to their already beaten up wallets.

However, that hit may be coming for some students in the form of a $478 increase.

Just as the $110 is going toward the building of the complex, the new fee to dormitory residents would go toward the building of new dorms.

Granted, the current dorms are no Ritz-Carlton; those buildings could easily use improvements. Still, an extra $478 out of student pockets might as well be something out of a fantasy.

While the fee would only apply to dorm residents, leaving the rest of Sac State to breathe a sigh of relief, it is still like sticking a vacuum into an empty bucket. There isn't anything else there to take.

Initially, students were not to take the brunt of the cost of President Alexander Gonzalez's vision of Destination 2010, which includes plans to eventually replace the current residence halls. If that is still so, then why is an additional fee being extracted from students who have no more to give.

Could a student's financial situation possibly get any worse?

It could.

The legislation for the fee, written by the Student Fee Advisory Committee, does not say anything about future increases. It simply says, "Similar inflationary factors and marked forces will be applied in the analysis of years subsequent to 2006-07."

This means that, should the costs be deemed higher in the analysis for the 2006-07 year, the fees will go up again.

Most of the students who will be hit with the fee first will never see the completion of the project that their hard-earned dollars are getting sucked into. Those students who do see the beginning of the project and can watch as it comes together will only get to enjoy it while they live in the dorm. Once a student moves out, the fee increase goes away, but so does any pride in where that $500-or-so went.

Unlike the athletic complex, which can be used by alumni of Sac State well after the time of their actual graduation, only those who live in the dorms will get to use the dorms.

Fee increases coming from the CSU Board of Trustees aren't something that the average student can do much about. However, that $110 for the complex had to be passed by a student vote, not decided in a committee that the average student has no control over.

If a fee increase is needed, put it to a student vote. Show us what we will be getting and why it would be in our best interest to approve the fee. Don't just create the fee and expect to implement it without problems. Students are not a bottomless well of money that can be drawn from. Eventually, that well of student bank accounts is going to run dry.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Don't take away the crepes



JEN WHITE

Sacramento State giveth, and Sacramento State taketh away. That's just how life goes, I guess.

University President Alexander Gonzalez recently said that this university "is not a democracy." I could be wrong, but I'm pretty sure he was talking about croissants.

Don't think so? Well, no one asked me whether I wanted La Creperie, Sac State's only French eatery, to be removed from campus.

If they had, I would have told them that I most certainly do not.

Then I would have taken their head firmly in my hands, brought it toward my stomach and said "Listen! Listen to this noise! I have a rumbling in my stomach and the only cure is delicious French cuisine!"

Maybe that would have gotten the point across, or maybe that would have gotten me arrested.

With dining choices that include paninis, breakfast croissants, crepes, chocolate and fresh fruit I just can't understand who in their right mind would let such a special place go?

Oh, that's right. The people at Sac State would.

La Creperie has been a part of this campus' dining selections for almost 10 years now, but this year, when their lease expires on June 16, they are being asked to leave and refused a lease renewal.

Michel Bloch, the owner of La Creperie, was once dubbed the "Crepe Crusader" by Sacramento Bee food critic Michael Dunne, but food preparation isn't the only thing that he brings to this campus.

Bloch greets hungry students with a lighthearted, friendly attitude and conversation. Purchasing a sandwich on campus without standing in a 30-minute line is a rarity in itself; add personable service and La Creperie can't be beat.

University Enterprises director Matt Altier said that La Creperie's removal is purely based on business reasons.

The university feels that its decisions are in the student's best interest (don't they always?), and that whatever replaces the eatery will be something students desire.

What if students desire La Creperie? I know I do, at least twice a week, when I miss breakfast, and just can't live without a freshly made bacon, egg and cheese croissant. How about that, University Enterprises?

The university may be thinking, "In with the old, out with the new," but you know what's getting old for me?

Taco Bell, huge lines, overpriced fast food and ice cream with questionable-looking sanitation.

La Creperie, on the other hand, will be dearly missed by the loyal students and faculty who frequent its corner of The Riverfront Center.

Before getting rid of a unique, enjoyable dining experience, the university should re-evaluate the mundane, low quality dining atrocities dragging down students as well as their campus.

Speaking of which, someone check up on Da Deli. I think their lease might be up.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Friends with benefits' might create potholes on long road of life, love

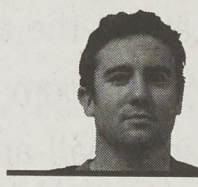
Re: Keeping benefits among friends

There was a time when women were revered as the future mothers of the children who would be born out of the joy of love and caring. Love and compassion ruled and future fathers chose to woo and select women who would best suit their purpose to procreate for the good of mankind and himself. Before that, the world was precariously rocked with a madness that was driven in savagery and the rules of conquest were cruel and indecent. The rotten stench of it all permeated what was essentially good with the glorification of evil! However, manners and mores brought it out of the depths of damnation. Hope came in and the slippery road to despair went out. Now it seems that the reverse is fast becoming the norm. [Henry] has written that it doesn't matter who, what, where, when or how some future parents choose to procreate and contribute to the world, society, their children's future or themselves.

"Hit and run" is in. I hope it won't be long before people like you, who are "pleasure-bent" and "me-first" driven, will put the brakes on their selfish and non-caring ways. I believe that the highway of life is long and tenuous. The signs of the road to perdition are popping up in your world as fast as the law will allow. Watch out for the potholes! Staying on the right side of the straight and narrow road to love is not all that bad.

– **Leonie Rannie**, Grad. student, psychology

Dear Mr. President: Here's a summer improvement list for you



JOSH HUGGETT

Dear President Gonzalez: I know the fall semester is still a long way off, and I know you're going to be busy over the summer, but I have a short grocery list of things that I think we students would all like to see when we return in August. We're not asking for much, just a few things to brighten up our experience on campus.

The first thing I'm sure you're sick and tired of hearing about this whole parking fiasco and quite frankly so am I. But with the incredibly slow progress being made on the concrete kingdom that is Parking Structure III, you may have noticed that reaction to the temporary loss of spots has gone over none to well with the large number of commuter students. As a suggestion for next semester and as a compensatory good faith gesture, why not cut the price of a parking pass in half? There are thousands of students who pay $112 to fight morning traffic only to have to trudge through the muck in the overflow parking lot just to get on campus. In a time of continuous fee hikes and escalating book prices, have some compassion for our already shallow pockets.

Secondly, let's talk about campus expansion. If it doesn't involve getting more parking spots, don't build it. Instead of erecting an $8 million space center, let's fix up some of the facilities that will actually benefit us normal students. The air conditioning has been running in my criminal justice class since January. The elevators in Amador Hall are about the size of my fist. The bookstore can turn into the Borders overnight, but the dorms look like they were imported from Alcatraz. There are currently a total of four astronomy classes being offered in the fall and we want to start pumping out astronauts. It doesn't make a whole lot of sense. Let's hold off on building mission control until we make sure all the thermostats on campus work.

Next issue on the docket is athletics. I'd like to get some sort of resolution to this dismal football program. Since you've been president our record has been 7-26. If I were you this would be near the top of my "to-do list" this summer. The annual Causeway Massacre is only about seven months away, so you've got plenty of time to dwell on it. Remember, nothing says school spirit like getting creamed by 40. And because this year the game is at Davis, there will actually be people attending the game to witness it.

And finally, let's talk about classes. What's the point of admitting so many people if they can't get into classes? I know you've got to work with the finances you're given, but let's make it a little easier for existing students to actually enroll in classes they need. About nine minutes after CasperWeb opens, classes are full. So why are we paying professors to teach classes like "Predicting the Future," when students can't get into English 1A?

So there you have it. I thank you for your time and hope you have a relaxing, but productive, summer. I don't expect any of these suggestions to be regarded too seriously, but I think we can agree that the needs and preferences of Sacramento State students should be regarded before the administration sets its agenda.

Your buddy, Josh.

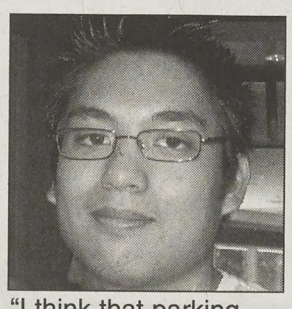
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What do you think President Gonzalez should improve over the summer?

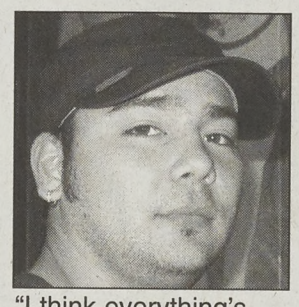
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"I think that parking sucks."

Richard Salazar
Biological Sciences
Junior



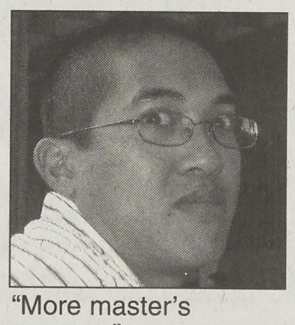
"I think everything's fine the way it is."

Adam Carroll
Business
Senior



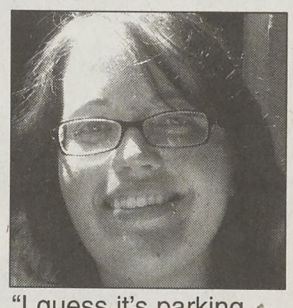
"We should spend a ton of money on 'hipping up' the old buildings."

Brian Saelee
Marketing
Sophomore



"More master's courses."

Mark Lazo
Business
Senior



"I guess it's parking. At the beginning of the semester, it's really bad."

Theran Beers
History
Junior

Campus Makeover

Entrances will get new look; Guy West may get paint job

NORM ERICKSON
State Hornet

The implementation of Destination 2010 takes a step forward this week as the university changes the school's three entrance signs, altering the logo and adding backlighting.

The formal name of the university – California State University, Sacramento – will still be featured on the signs along with the university's 2005 identity change to Sacramento State.

However, Frank Whitlatch, associate vice president of Public Affairs, said the change adds Sacramento State's campus seal, replacing the CSUwide seal that appeared on the old signs.

Whitlatch described the campus seal as an oval with the university name and founding year (1947). It will be green and gold and will be in line with the color hues used since the announcement of Destination 2010, Whitlatch said.

Osaki Design, which also designed Sac State's new logo last year, and is designing its identity package, crated the new signage scheme.

Whitlatch said the project, from inception to completion, will cost $83,000 for the three signs – two on J Street and one on College Town Drive.

Pacific Neon won the bidding process for manufacturing and installing the signs, which starts Tuesday, Whitlatch said. Each sign should take two to three days to complete.

The new signs will not be letters affixed to the concrete slab like the old signs were. Instead, the signs will be aluminum, which allows for backlighting at night, Whitlatch said.

"People tell me all the time they don't see the entrance when driving down J Street," Whitlatch said. "The key point to the new signs is they'll be more noticeable; there will be a more striking entrance at both ends of campus."

Bridge may get new colors

The 600-foot Guy West Bridge, now a salmon color, has lost the glimmer of its original golden luster.

Twenty years since the bridge's last makeover, the university wants to have the bridge repainted, but because it is owned by the City of Sacramento and is under the department of parks and recreation, the overdue makeover is on the city's to-do list and will get done when there is money to do it, said Matt Altier, director of University Enterprises Inc.

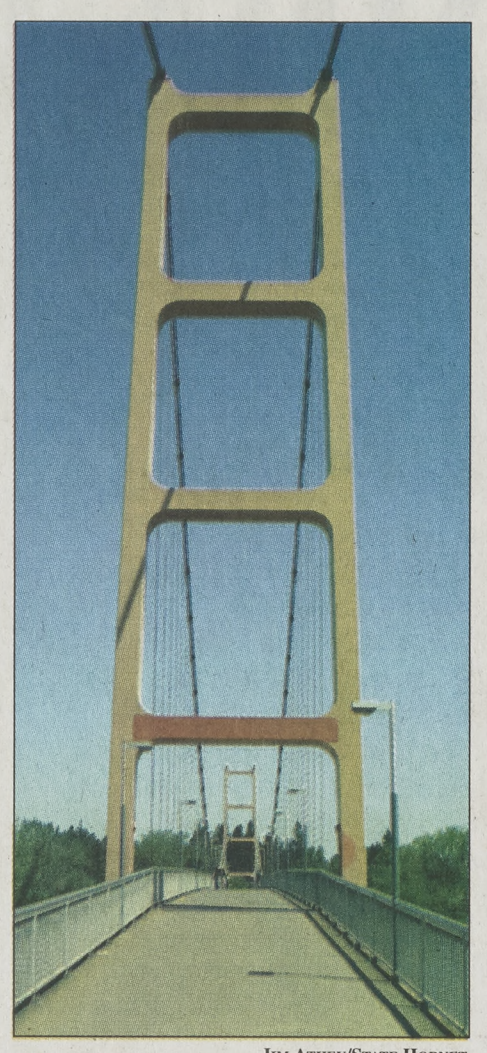
According to Sac State Magazine, a green and gold color scheme for the towers with the school's name spanning the length of the bridge is the current project under consideration.

With the possibility of having a green and gold colored bridge, some students felt that the new colors would take away from its original meaning.

Sophomore Lyndsey Vaden said, "Personally it would be nice to be school colors, but we have plenty of things that are school colors, so it's kind of nice that it's a mini Golden Gate Bridge."

The rumor around campus is that a senior engineering major designed the Guy West Bridge. However, the rumor is merely a legend that hasn't been proven either way, said Lori Hall with Public Affairs.

The bridge, built in the mid 1960s, and was named in honor of Guy West, the first president of Sac State when the school opened in 1947.



JIM ATHEY/STATE HORNET
Sacramento State's Guy West Bridge is likely to get a new green and gold paint job.

According to the magazine, Ted D'Amico, then executive vice president of the Spink Corp., a Sacramento-based engineering firm, designed the bridge.

When built, the bridge was hailed as the "longest foot suspension bridge in the United States."

– Alicia Loza-Ponce

FEE: Legislation passed by one vote

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level, and the recreational/wellness/event center fee increase of $110 per semester," Barajas said.

In addition to increasing the cost of living on campus, Barajas expressed concern over the increase's affect on students living on campus.

Barajas said one problem is that the committee was not given a study about how the increase will affect access and equity of student housing, which he said would ultimately affect the campus's demographics.

"This is crucial because housing issues is about student access for a diverse campus," Barajas said.

Committee member Garrett Aquino also opposed the proposal. Aquino, ASI director of health and human services, said the fee's financial effect on students is unfair.

Two other student appointees on the committee were ASI members Ryan Christensen, director of social science and interdisciplinary studies; and Christine Hopkins, vice president of student affairs. They both voted for the proposal. Hornet staff was not able to speak Hopkins or Christensen the student appointees as of Monday.

Kristin Van Gassbeck, an assistant professor of economics appointed to the committee by the Faculty Senate, also voted for the fee.

Non-student voter Paul Noble, associate vice president of Planning and Budget for Academic Affairs, abstained from voting.

The dorm fee increase is now in the hands of Sac State's president.

"I hope to hear from Gonzalez very soon regarding his decision." Cockrill said. "Without his approval the proposal will be no good."

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Brittney Claycamp, left, and stroke Laura Harder helped propel the varsity eight to a school record on Saturday at Lake Natoma. Both made the all-WIRA team.

Rowing team snaps 5-year title drought

Varsity eight sets school record in winning WIRA title

ARMANDO BOTELLO II
State Hornet

Since 2001, the Hornet women's varsity eight has tried to bring the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship trophy back to Sacramento State. Now is time to make room in the trophy case because on Sunday the team rowed the university's fastest time (6:35.9) to finish just ahead of last year's champion Loyola Marymount at the WIRA championships held at Lake Natoma.

"I'm so happy; it's such a good feeling," Senior Brittney Claycamp said. "It was definitely one of the best boats that I've been in at Sacramento State."

Team unity on the Hornet boat may have been the deciding factor in the Hornets winning the championship. Neck and neck with LMU the entire race, the Hornets were in

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RECORD RACE

1. Sacramento State	**6:35.9**
2. Loyola Marymount	6:38.0
3. Gonzaga	6:41.0
4. UC Davis	6:42.8
5. San Diego State	6:46.3
6. Western Wash.	6:47.0

WIRA FINSISHES

2001 – First **2004** – Second
2002 – Second **2005** – Third
2003 – Fourth **2006** – First

GETTING A GRIP

Hurlers explain science of pitching

JOHN PARKER
State Hornet

It really is more difficult than it looks.

That is the mantra for softball pitchers – who may as well be awarded honorary physics degrees – as their windmill underhand delivery may appear simple but there is much more going on at each stage of the delivery than the casual fan can pick up on.

"It looks so easy, but no one realizes what it's really like," Sacramento State junior pitcher Jennifer Fryou said.

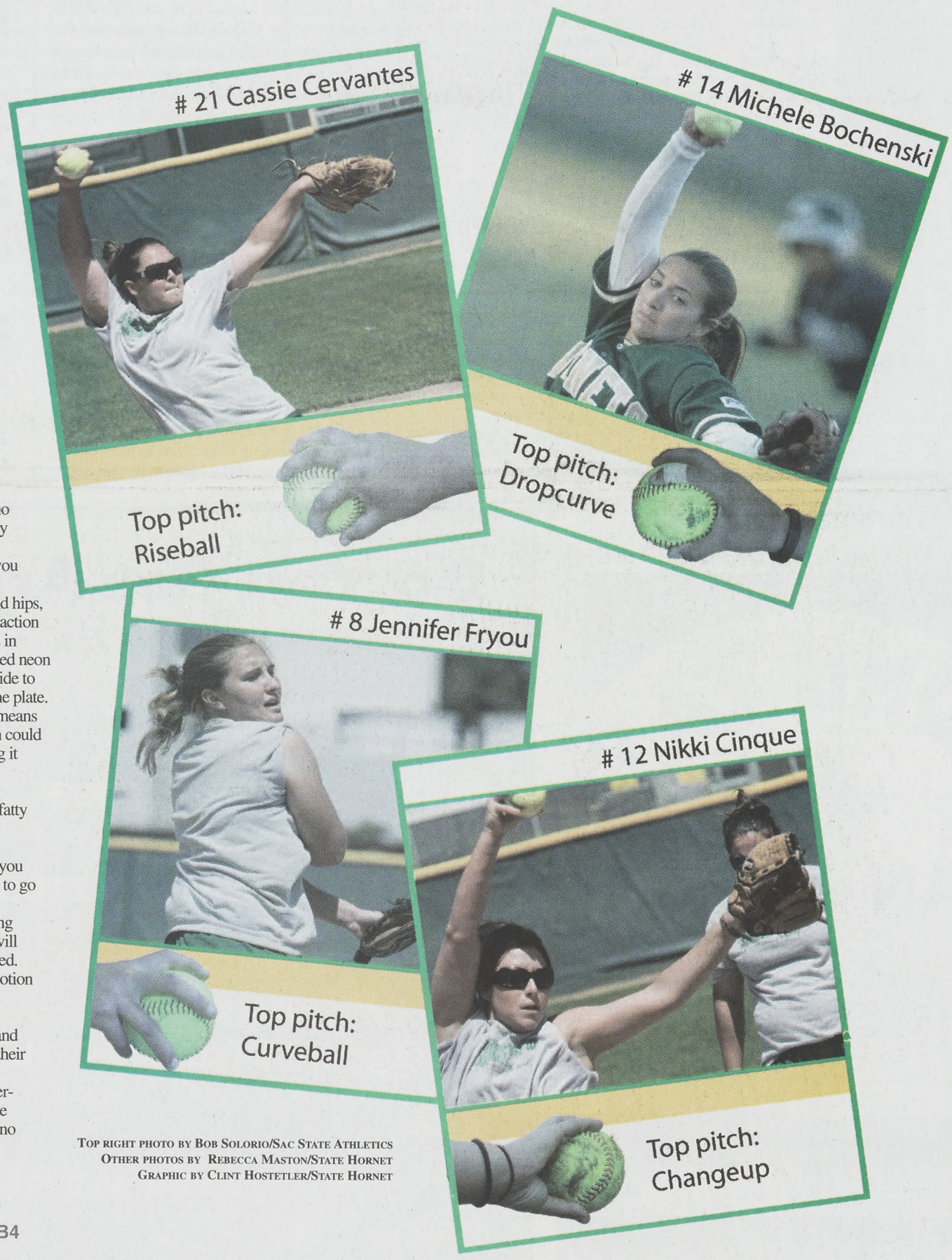
Drive from the legs and hips, arm speed, grip and wrist action are all important variables in making that grapefruit-sized neon ball move up, down and side to side as it sails toward home plate. The slim margin of error means that a nasty breaking pitch could hang at waist level making it much easier to hit – what Hornets freshman pitcher Cassie Cervantes calls a "fatty pitch."

"One tiny mistake can change a whole pitch," Fryou said. "A lot of things have to go right."

The biggest determining factor in whether a pitch will work is the way it's released. The grip of the ball and motion of the wrist could cause a "slice" when the pitcher releases the ball palm up and snaps the wrist in toward their body, "over the top" like turning a doorknob counter-clockwise or "pushing" the ball toward the plate with no significant snap.

All of this is done to manipulate the spin of the ball, which will determine

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Women's tennis five-time champs

JOSH TERRELL
State Hornet

Sac State's women's tennis team won its fifth consecutive conference championship at the Big Sky Tournament this past weekend in Pocatello, Idaho, downing Montana 4-0 on Friday and rival Northern Arizona by the same score on Saturday. The win grants the Hornets an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.



Karnaukhova

The team could have easily taken a step back this year.

Six raw freshmen made up this year's eight-person team. No. 1 singles Margarita Karnaukhova played with not one but two bulging discs in her back all season, and No. 2 Luba Schifris dealt with a nagging wrist injury that haunted her from day one, forcing her to slice the ball instead of stroke it with authority. Eventual No. 3 Joyce Martinez Gutierrez missed the first month of the season.

Most importantly, there was no guaranteeing that these eight women from around the globe- Russia, Germany, Mexico, and Sweden- would have what a championship team needs: chemistry.

Instead, these women stood up, together, and became the team Coach Bill Campbell had hoped for.

"I was pleased with how they all reacted to being in it. When your team has won it four years in a row and you're expected to win the fifth, that's a little bit of added pressure. They all reacted very well.

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Men's team falls short of finals

Men's tennis can't get past semifinals, lose to Montana

BENN HODAPP
State Hornet

"This is our best chance to win a title," Sacramento State men's tennis player Junaid Hossain said before last weekend's tournament. The chance to beat Montana State and re-take the title that the team coveted so much was simply not meant to be.

The team was unable to exact a bit of revenge on Montana State. In fact, they did not even get the chance.

The second seeded Hornets played the third seeded Montana on Friday in semifinal action.

The Hornets were the favorite due to the regular season 6-1 victory over Montana as well as the fact that Sac State was picked to meet Montana State by the coaches in the preseason.

Sac State was able to take the doubles point, which going in was high up on the list of things to do for the Hornets.

Before the tournament, both Hossain and Loredo spoke of the importance of the doubles point in tournament play. The tandem pushed their impressive doubles record to a final total of 19-3 with a win in the Montana match.

Ramon Perez and Warwick Foy also won their match to take the doubles point for the Hornets. It was singles that spelled the Hornets doom. They dropped four of the five completed singles matches to lose the match by a final of 4-2. The problem was clear to the players and coaches.

"We really had problems closing out matches,"

TENNIS: Page B4

Track in stretch run to Big Sky Championships

HORNET STAFF

With the Big Sky Conference track championships just one week away, the Hornets are gearing up with a final meet before the start of the championships.

This weekend, track athletes will be participating in two meets, the Modesto Relays and the Sacramento State Open, with split squads in both.

Last season, the Hornets did not fair well in the conference meet. The men finished fifth and the women seventh in Flagstaff as host Northern Arizona won the women's crown and Montana State won the men's.

Last weekend, at the Sacramento Invitational the men took home first and the women third.

Both the men and women beat conference foes Eastern Washington and Portland State.

Cal State Fullerton took home two second place finishes and Nevada won the women's division.

En route to its win, the men won seven individual titles.

All-American David Nichols won the shot put by nearly 10 and a half feet with a mark of 61-05 1/4. He did not put up a mark in the discus, faulting after battling early release troubles.

Three other field winners included Raphael McFarlane in triple jump with a season best 47-05, Daniel Imlach in pole vault with a mark of 16-06 3/4 and Chris Kirkwood in the javelin, 201-06.

CHRIS BAAD/STATE HORNET

Andre Wright won the 110 hurdles in 14.43 on Saturday at the Sacramento State Invite.

The men also won three track events. Justin Lankin won the 5K race in a time of 15:31.84. V.J. Blair won the 800 in 1:51.97 and Andre Wright captured the 110 hurdles in a very close race over Fullerton's Matt Turner by .01 seconds in a time of 14.43.

The women won two events, one on the track and one in the field. Roshena Duree won the 100 hurdles in a Big Sky leading 13.75 and Lori Vaught leaped to victory in the long jump with a 19-06 ¾.

The women added 10 season bests including Mellissa Tracey's narrow miss on the NCAA regional standard in the 400 hurdles.

The Big Sky Championships will be held at Eastern Washington this year.

This weekend will be the last home meet for the Hornets before the NCAA Championships come to Sacramento on June 7.

SACRAMENTO INVITE FINALS

Men		Women	
1. Sacramento State	**143.5**	1. Nevada	156
2. Cal State Fullerton	133	2. Cal State Fullerton	121
3. Eastern Wash.	107	**3. Sacramento State**	**105**
4. Cal St. Stanislaus	104.5	4. Portland State	78.5
5. Portland State	55	5. Eastern Wash.	59.5
		6. Hawaii	55
		7. Cal St. Stanislaus	5

SPORTS BRIEFS

Teams walking to fight cancer

HORNET STAFF

Sacramento State's athletic department will be raising money for the Sutter Roseville Breast Health Center by hosting its second annual Breast Cancer Walk at 5 p.m. Sunday at Hornet Stadium.

Last year at the walk-a-thon the student-athletes, coaches and staff members who participated helped raise over $11,000. This year every student-athlete was asked to raise a minimum of $25.

Megan Frost, a women's soccer graduate assistant, came up with the idea for the event.

ASI, athletics update contract

Associated Students Inc. and the athletic department agreed in a Monday afternoon meeting that the athletic contract is ready to be presented to the California State University Board of Trustees.

The contract has been updated to require more accountability on reports, specifically student-athlete grades and gender equity in athletics. The next stage will be for the contract to be submitted to Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez for his approval.

"I am very appreciative of the support and cooperation that ASI and the student body have given for this athletic contract," said Terry Wanless, the athletics director.

Once the Board of Trustees has approved the contract, it will be available to the general public to read.

– Jamie Gonzales

Seventh place finish for men's golf team

Northern Colorado won the team title this past weekend at the Independent Championships in Greeley, Colorado with a score of 873.

The Hornets finished the three-round event in dead last with a team score of 919. South Dakota State took second place with 881 and Francis Marion placed third with 884.

Cody Miller led the team with a total of 227 and ended tied for 23rd in individual scores.

Men's basketball signs forward

With just one spot left on the team, men's basketball went out and got a big man, hoping to solidify its front court.

The men's basketball team finished its recruiting class with the signing of forward Curtis Harrison from Monterey Peninsula College.

The 6-foot-8, 210 pound forward averaged 7.4 points, 5.4 rebounds and 1.7 blocked shots last season.

On 2nd Thought.

What's the craziest tantrum? ...



BENN HODAPP

Delmon Young

This is an interesting topic. It was Tampa Bay Devil Rays prospect Delmon Young who inspired it. I started to think about what I could argue as the craziest athlete 'freak out' moment I have ever seen.

It became increasingly obvious that Young's tirade was without question the worst. For the two sports fans in the country who haven't seen the play, buckle up for some wood chuckin' fun.

Young, the No. 1 pick in the 2003 draft by the Devil Rays who comes complete with many personality problems, was called out on strikes in a minor league game. After a short, seemingly mild, argument Young walked towards the dugout. Apparently, he muttered the magic word (I'm guessing it sounded similar to 'duck') and the umpire tossed him.

So what did Young do? Walk calmly back to the dugout? Nope. Give an angry stare back at the ump before ultimately walking off the field? Guess again. Dude threw the bat at the umpire, hitting him in the chest! The ump stood there in complete amazement and hilarious confusion after the projectile left a 34-inch long raspberry on his right side.

And Young threw it hard. It wasn't a simple toss at the ump's feet. The bat flew into the picture from off screen turning end over end at about 6000 rpm. What was priceless about the scene was the response of the catcher. He just kind of walked around, completely stupefied by what he had just seen.

No one has ever thrown a bat at an umpire. The only thing I can think of that comes close was the guy who karate kicked the catcher in the chest after being drilled by a pitch before running out to the mound to throw down.

Players fight each other all the time, but his was unique.

I have never seen a player be called for a foul in an NBA game only to hit the ref in the face with the ball from 80 feet away. Nor have I seen an O-lineman in the NFL called for holding followed by a full force helmet swing at a ref's knees.

Congratulations, Delmon, you sir are the biggest tool in sports history.



PAUL RICE

Firsthand Hayes

We all saw Tampa Bay prospect Delmon Young's overreaction last week to being tossed out of a minor league game. Young, incensed at a third strike call, was ejected after protesting the call. Then, after taking a few strides back to the dugout, Young turned around and chucked his bat at the home plate umpire, hitting the ump square in the chest.

Yes, he threw the bat hard. Yes, the umpire could have been seriously injured, and yes, Young deserves a stiff suspension for the act (fifty games seems reasonable). But hey, at least he didn't go berserk and try to murder the home plate umpire on the field, as Charlie Hayes of the Giants did during one game in 1998.

Let's set the stage. It's June 28, 1998, and the Giants are trailing the A's 4-2 in the eighth inning of a hotly contested Interleague game. The Giants loaded the bases with two outs for pinch hitter Charlie Hayes, a pretty good hitter and a renowned hothead.

Oakland reliever Billy Taylor, summoned from the bullpen to face Hayes, threw an 0-1 pitch about two inches below the strike zone, though home plate umpire Mike Winters called the pitch a strike. Hayes spent about thirty seconds jawing at Winters, and with good reason. I was at the game, and the call was horrible. On the next pitch, Hayes popped out harmlessly to third base. The inning, along with the Giants' threat, was over.

But Hayes wasn't done. As he stalked back toward the dugout, he began screaming at Winters, and Winters started screaming back. Sure enough, Winters gave Hayes the thumb, and Hayes flipped, charging at Winters with fists flailing and eyes as red as a mad bull. Before Hayes could grab Winters and rip him to shreds, he was grabbed by Giants manager Dusty Baker.

Unfortunately, this wasn't going to stop Hayes. With murder in his eyes, Hayes simply took Baker, by no means a small man, and flipped him completely over his back! It took three more Giants to restrain Hayes, and after the game Hayes had to be locked in the manager's office so he wouldn't continue on his mission to destroy Winters. That, my friends, is overreaction.



ROBERT ALVIS

Taking questions

Robert Alvis enters the room, ready to answer all questions.

Did you write a rough draft for your story?

Rough draft? We in here talkin' 'bout rough drafts. You read my words, don't you? We talkin' 'bout rough drafts. We aren't talking 'bout print, we talkin' 'bout rough drafts. It's not about that.

What do you think of columnist Brad Alexander's efforts this year?

Brad's been really consistent for us all year, his whole career. I have to laugh a little bit when our own teachers call him overrated. Without Brad we wouldn't have put out two f—ing papers all year – not two! We wouldn't be here to put out this issue if it weren't for him. Let one of those anonymous teachers come tell me Brad is overrated.

After two solid years at the paper, what is your method for producing content?

(Pulls out whip) Probably no motivational device I've ever come across is as good as this. Write those words or get a lashing.

Do you think your team is underperforming?

Listen, Bill Simmons is not coming through that door. Mike Wilbon isn't coming through that door. Peter Vecsey ain't comin through that door. And if they do, they'll be old and gray.

It seems like your writing isn't out to win.

That's the funny thing about writing. You write to have people read your words. You don't just write to write. Hello! You write to have people read your words. When you tell me these words don't matter, then it's time to retire. Get out. Cause it matters.

You think this column may win you a Pulitzer?

Pulitzer? Puh-puh-puhlitzer? You kiddin' me? I'm just hoping it makes print!

(At this point, section editor Armando Botello II comes in yelling "I'll kill you. Remember that. When I see you, I'm going to kick your ass!")

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

NEXT: at Pacific, Tuesday, 2 p.m.

LAST WEEK:
April 25, Sac State 9, UC Davis 6
E – McAtee(1); Rincon, E.(10). DP – UC Davis 1; Hornets 1. 2B – Oliver(7); Goetz(5); Hernandez(6); Jacobellis(4); Blauser, B 2(9); Flores, D(13); Conradi, B(8); Dye, M(5). 3B – Strombach, J(2). HR – Strombach, J(1). SB – Strombach, J(11).
Fri, Hawaii 3, Sac State 2
E – Johnson, G.; Blauser, B. DP – Hornets 1; Rainbows 2. 2B – Blauser, B; Avila 2. 3B - Inouye. HR – Christensen.
Sat, Hawaii 5, Sac State 2
E – Lively, M 2; Hee. 2B – Blauser, B; Wilder; Dupree. HR – Blauser, B. SB – Conradi, B; Rincon, E.; Wilder.
Sun, Hawaii 5, Sac State 2
E – Cummins, P; Rincon, E.; Frash. 2B – Johnson, G.; Blauser, B; Franco. HR – Avila. SB - Inouye.

SOFTBALL

NEXT: at Nevada (2), Today, 1 p.m., at Saint Mary's (2), Saturday, Noon, at Saint Mary's (2), Sunday, Noon.

LAST WEEK:
Wed, Nevada 9, Sac State 1
2B – Schafer, T.; Puzey, B.; Rainwater, C. HR – Rainwater, C.
Wed, Nevada 6, Sac State 5
E – Miles, R. 2B – Winkler, L.; Silagyi, K.; Puzey, B.; Lorenzen, B.; Rainwater, C; Stockstill,K; Elkins, C. SB – Winkler, L.; Rhoe, K.
Sat, Sac State 15, Saint Mary's 0
E – Tompkins, A.; Russell; Euker; Mello; Larsen; Mathis 2. 2B – Winker, L. 2; Cinque, N.; McKenzie, A.
Sat, Sac State 3, Saint Mary's 2
E – Crine, B. DP – Gaels 1. HR – Cinque, N.; McKenzie, A.
Sun, Sac State 11, Saint Mary's 1
E – Larsen. 2B – Papailias. 3B – Winkler, L.. HR – Winkler, L.; McKenzie, A. SB – Winkler, L.; Johnson, H.
Sun, Sac State 4, Saint Mary's 0
E – Ruezga; Mathis; Tompkins, A. DP – SAC 1. 2B – Toledo, G.

MEN'S TENNIS

LAST WEEK:
Fri, Montana 4, Sac State 2

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NEXT: at NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds (TBA), May 12-13

LAST WEEK:
Fri, Sac State 4, Montana 0
Sat, Sac State 4, Northern Arizona 0

WOMEN'S ROWING

NEXT: Pacific Coast Rowing Championships, Lake Natoma, May 13. Pac-10 Championships, Lake Natoma, May 14.
LAST WEEK:
Sun, Varsity Eight Grand Final:
1. Sacramento State 6:35.9
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Golf experiences women's revival, men still waiting

Women finish third in Big Sky Tourney

BRAD ALEXANDER
State Hornet

This season was a record-setting one for the Sacramento State women's golf team, five times over. Coach Adam Pohll hopes this season was a sign of the future.

It began in mid-September with the team finishing second in the La Quinta Mountain Shootout. The women shot their sixth best as a team in school history at 306. One month later, the team would set new record at 293 at the Lady Aztec Fall Classic.

In 2005, the Hornets finished a distant last at the Big Sky Conference Women's Golf Championships in Goodyear, Ariz. Fast forward one year later, riding on a high from rewriting the record books at Sac State, the team finished just one shot behind second place and host Northern Arizona. With the help of sophomore Heather LeMaster's two under in the third round, tying the tournament's lowest round, and junior Margaux Sheehan's 75 in the second round the team landed second all time in school history shooting 295 for the tournament.


Sheehan

"We're all pretty proud of ourselves. We all know we came a long way this season," Sheehan said. "I definitely see us getting at least one win next season and the Big Sky Championship." Sheehan bested her 2005 single round average of 80.5 by nearly three strokes at 77.7 this season. The junior is now Sac State's all time leader in single season average and tied for individual low round.

"It is such a different feeling now than before," Sheehan said. "Now we're always out to win."

In a sport where the lower the score the better, the women set a top ten record for lowest tournament scores in all but two tournaments this season. Pohll happily admitted this is the best season the women have had in Division I history.

"The biggest thing is it has changed everybody's expectations," Pohll said. "Our goal now is to make it to regionals and win the conference."

Junior Chad Wood would like to see some of the success of the women's team, which will host the 2008 NCAA West Regionals, rub off onto the men's team, which struggled through this season.

"The women had a great season, I think they surprised a lot of people," Wood said. "I think (the women) will be looking forward to coming out of the gates hot for next season."

Wood hopes the men's team will make improvements to have similar success next year. Wood set a new record for single round low, shooting 62 at the Wolf Pack Invitational.

Both Hornet golf teams rely on each other for support on and off the course. Sheehan and sophomore Kim Coppin flew out to Colorado this past weekend to watch the men's team compete in their final tournament this season. They finished last.

In the next few seasons, Pohll hopes to develop programs that will earn the respect of larger West Coast programs.

"This season was a huge leap for us. Just to bring college golf to Sacramento is exciting," Pohll said.

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Hornets can't get over the Rainbows

WAC tourney hopes not cancelled after 3 losses to Hawaii

PAUL RICE
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As the summer heat has begun to turn up, the baseball season is starting to wind down, and Sacramento State is gearing up for a stretch drive that should take them right into the Western Athletic Conference Tournament that begins on May 25.

Despite being swept in a three-game series in Hawaii during the weekend, the Hornets remain in fifth place in the WAC with an 8-10 conference record (20-27 overall), and would stand to make the tournament were the season to end today.

The team will have a week-long layoff before heading to Stockton to play University of the Pacific on Tuesday, then will come back home to play Stanford the next day before continuing conference play May 12 against Nevada.

Last weekend, the Hornets went up against the WAC's top team, Hawaii, who sported a 29-12 record (7-6) going into the series.

The Hornet pitching staff was up to the task, allowing just 13 runs in the three games, but the normally potent Hornet hitters were shut down by the Rainbows' pitching staff, scoring just two runs in each of the weekend games.

In Friday's game, Hornet starter Matt Campbell nearly matched Hawaii star Steven Wright inning for inning, going eight frames and allowing just three runs (two earned) on eight hits. However, with the Hornets leading 2-1, a sixth inning triple by Rainbows right fielder Matt Inouye and an error on the same play by Gary Johnson scored two runs and gave Wright all the runs he needed to finish the game and push his record to 8-2 on the year.

WAC STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
Hawaii	10-6	32-12
Fresno St.	9-6	30-12
San Jose State	9-6	30-17
Louisiana Tech	9-8	27-18
Sacramento State	8-10	20-27
Nevada	5-9	17-23
New Mexico State	5-10	18-28

– Results of Tuesday's non-conference games weren't available by press time.

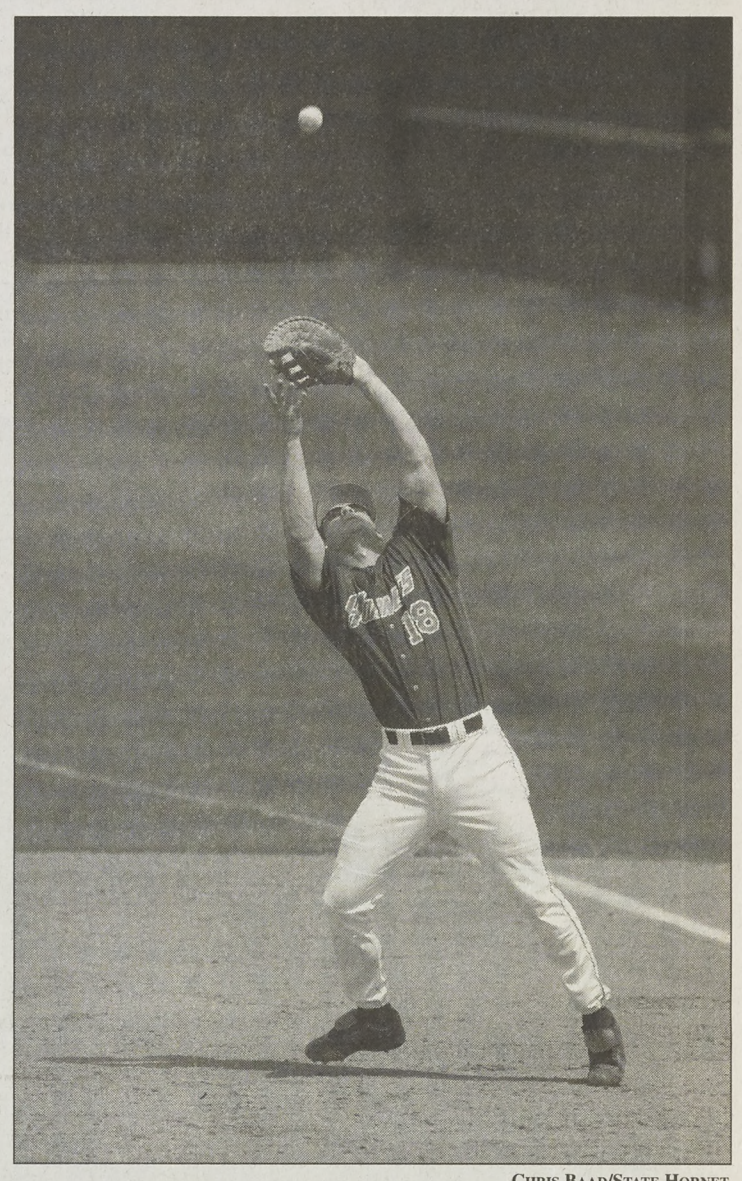
The Hornets dropped the next two games, both by scores of 5-2. The Hornet bats were silenced by Hawaii starter Justin Costi (6-1) on Saturday, with a home run by Brian Blauser (his eighth of the season) and an RBI single by Everet Rincon accounting for both of the Hornets' runs. On Sunday, the Sac State bats were once again silenced, this time by Hawaii starter Ian Harrington (5-3). Hornet starter John Schlager was tagged with the loss as he struggled in his first start after shutting down Louisiana Tech a week before.

Despite the sweep, the Hornets know that they remain in good shape going into the season's final stretch. And besides, bouncing back from tough losses has been a characteristic of this team all season, as evidenced by the strong chemistry the team has developed over the season.

"This team, we're not getting down on ourselves ever," Schlager said. "We always knew, even at the start of the year, that we could keep our confidence up."

The team got off to a rough start to the year, but since the beginning of April, the team has been playing over .500 baseball, and that confidence has been high. The players say that if they continue to stay focused, they can do some damage when tournament time comes around.

"We're feeling pretty good about ourselves," third baseman David Flores said. "We're a lot better than a lot of people think. If we just keep on doing what we're doing, if we just continue to execute, we'll come out on top."


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Brian Blauser, seen here against Louisiana Tech last weekend hit his team leading eighth home run against Hawaii.

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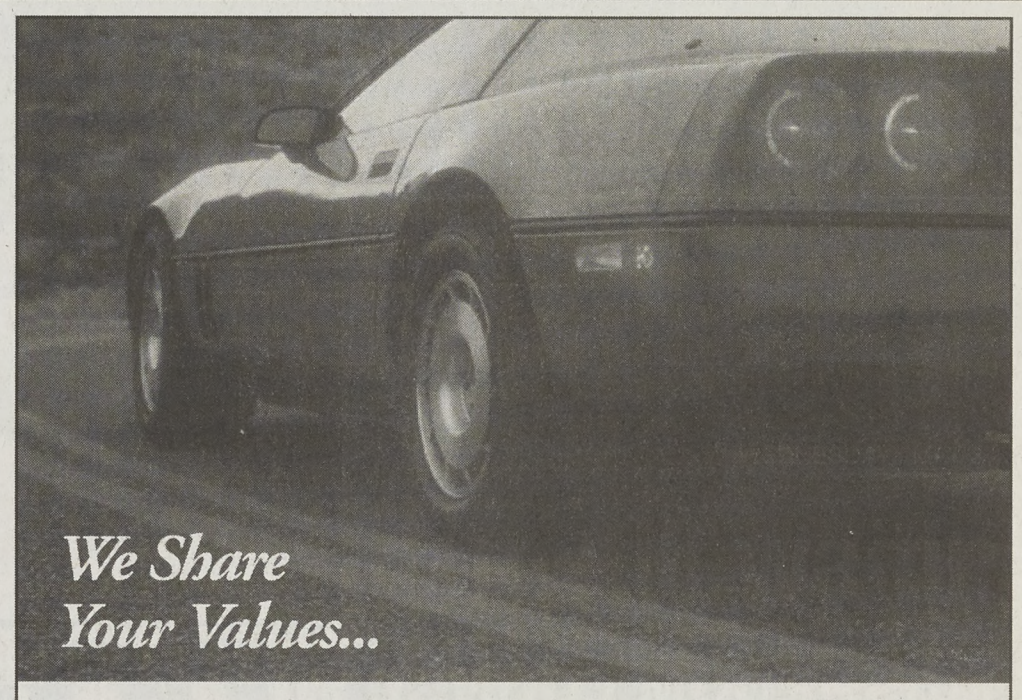
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FANTASTIC FOUR

Name	Record	ERA	GS	CG	IP	Strikeouts
Nikki Cinque	13-10	1.83	24	21	160.2	119
Cassie Cervantes	12-4	1.95	19	12	104.1	199
Jennifer Fryou	2-4	2.83	3	3	34.2	29
Michele Boshenski	4-2	6.94	5	4	40.1	16

GRIPS: Their styles are unique

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what it does in the air. The direction that the ball dictates its motion. For instance, if the spin is tumbling toward the batter gravity will pull it down, and if it is spinning back toward the pitcher it will rise.

"There's a ton of possibilities for error," senior pitcher Nikki Cinque said. "But once you've done it for a while it becomes muscle memory."

Fryou's featured pitch is the curveball, which she runs off the plate and away from right-handed batters and in on left-handers. Cervantes throws a rising fastball that she can start in the strike zone or below the knees and run about two feet up. Cinque throws primarily a changeup and junior Michele Bochenski features a "drop-curve" which works moves down and away from right handed batters, much like a "slurve" in baseball.

That variety makes it difficult for opposing hitters, Hornets coach Kathy Strahan said, as Sac State throws two or more pitchers per double header and disrupts opponents' timing.

"Hitting is all about timing," Strahan said. "With that variance we try to keep them off balance."

That variance is especially apparent earlier when Cervantes – who can pitch up to 70 mph, equivalent to 100 mph on a baseball diamond – throws directly before Cinque and her 45 mph changeup.

"It's a completely different look," Cinque said. "It screws (the hitters) all up and they have to adjust everything."

Throw Fryou and Bochenski's breaking pitches into the mix and the Hornets have a potent cocktail of pitching talent that gives hitters fits and each other tips.

"It's wonderful that each of us has something different to offer," Fryou said.

"They all help me. They're way more knowledgeable in (Division I) and have really helped my mental approach," Cervantes added.

That mental game can be a wild card in the role of the pitcher who is isolated in a circle in the middle of the diamond.

"You have to be confident in your pitches," Bochenski said. "You can't break down and get down on yourself or you won't be effective."

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Cervantes throws no hitter in sweep over Saint Mary's

On Saturday Cassie Cervantes pitched a no-hitter in the first of a four-game series at Saint Mary's to help the Hornets defeat the Gaels 15-0 in five innings.

Cervantes' no-hitter was the freshman's second of the season and improved her record to 12-4, a team high.

In the second game of the day the Gaels came out flat against the powerful arm of Nikki Cinque who also hit her sixth home run on the season in the nightcap.

An Amy Jo McKenzie home run in the sixth inning would prove to be the winning run as the Hornets won their first conference doubleheader of the season 3-2.

On Sunday morning the Hornets came out swinging and scored twice in the first inning.

The team would bring in nine more runs over the next three innings to give them an 11-1 win via the eight-run mercy rule.

Later, the Hornets would finish their sweep of the Gaels with a 5-0 victory in the nightcap.

– Hornet Staff

CHAMPS: Win gives team automatic NCAA berth

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They're just a good group, and they're fun to be around," Campbell said.

It turns out the toughest foe they would have to face at the tournament was Idaho itself.

"We were playing at 4500 feet, it was about 65 degrees out and the wind was blowing about 20 miles per hour. The ball was bouncing funny," Campbell said.

The cold may have been the reason why senior Margarita Karnaukhova, named the Big Sky's MVP for the fourth-straight year and the first student-athlete in the history of the Big Sky to win four MVPs in any sport, dropped the first, and only, set of her career to a conference opponent against Montana.

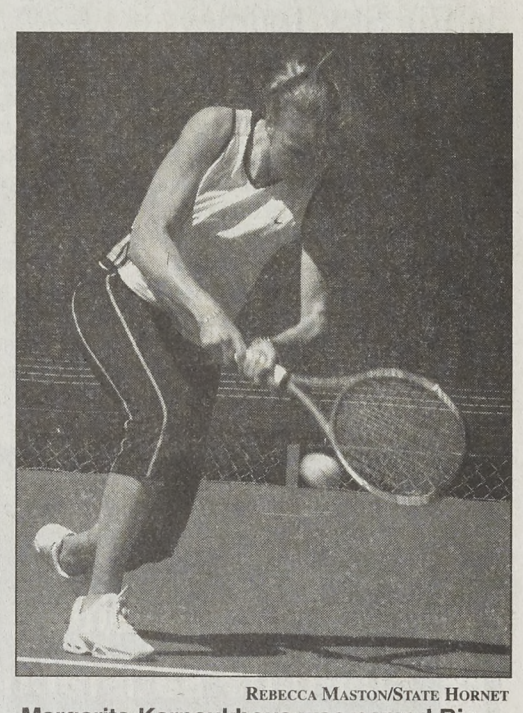
"Because of her back, it's very hard for her to warm up in the cold, and she was being extremely cautious at (Montana). She didn't want to hurt herself," Campbell said.

Karnaukhova would regroup to take a 3-1 lead in the second set, but her teammates would have her back. Adding to the Hornets doubles-point win earlier, freshmen Karina Jarlkaganova and Anastassia Lyssenko won their singles matches, then junior and first team all-conference member Cecilia Helland secured the deciding fourth point.

The Hornets put the finishing touches on their fifth title Saturday against Northern Arizona, again taking the doubles point. Lyssenko came through again with a win at No. 6, and Karnaukhova easily won her match. This time Gutierrez would clinch it with a victory at No.3.

"We played them during the season, and beat them. Even though there was the altitude, I wouldn't say there was a problem," Helland said.

"All the freshman did well for their first time. We have a good team, so we didn't have problems," said Gutierrez, who was named to the all-conference first team herself.



REBECCA MASTON/STATE HORNET

Margarita Karnaukhova was named Big Sky conference MVP for the fourth time.

The Hornets now turn their attention to the NCAA Tournament, beginning May 12th. The team will learn the seedings and host locations today at 5:30 p.m on ESPN.

"Well, it's a huge challenge for us because we are (mostly) freshman. But we have a good team, and I think we are prepared for that," Gutierrez said.

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PETER MCCOLLOUGH/STATE HORNET

The varsity eight won the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association title along with the overall points title on Saturday at Lake Natoma.

ROWING: Team points trophy also goes to Hornets

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a dogfight for the gold medal and with about 250-300 meters left in the race, the team started its sprint toward the finish line. The varsity eight boat began its sprint as it neared Sac State's tent which let family, friends and fans cheer their loudest to get the team going. And get going they did.

"We decided this year that we wanted it so much that we finally made it happen," senior Laura Harder said. "We really came together this year, went for the win and did it."

"It definitely helps when you have a boat with such good chemistry," Claycamp said.

Claycamp and Harder, along with junior Janine LaCrosse, were named first team all-WIRA after the championship. Head coach Mike Connors explained that in rowing it is very difficult to pick out just three players from the boat, but that the three all-WIRA selections deserved the honor.

"Brittney and Laura have been a stern pair the last couple of years and this year they did a great job of being consistent and leading the team in racing and Janine is one of our strongest and is pretty close to breaking some of the team records," Connors said.

The regatta also brought the team points title to the Hornets, a trophy that coach Connors made a goal to get when the league introduced it last year.

"The team points trophy is something that is kind of a goal of ours and I always felt like it was really important to have a lot of depth in our program," Conners said. "I told (the team after the race) I thought it was really kind of symbolic that we won the varsity eight the same year we won the team points trophy because to me it takes a team effort to develop a really fast eight."

Connors was also named the WIRA Coach of the Year after the regatta, an honor that he feels wouldn't be as sweet without the championship trophy.

"It's nice because your fellow coaches vote (for Coach of the Year) so it means they're recognizing the accomplishments of the team under you, but to me whether I win it or not is not more important than our success and winning as many of these (championship trophies) as we can."

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TENNIS: Three seniors played final matches

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assistant coach Jonathan Labella said. "We were up early in a lot of matches and just couldn't close them." Sophomore Hague Van Dillen agreed.

"Almost everybody was up in their singles matches, but (Montana) just came up with some big shots."

This was a season that was supposed to be filled with pay back for the Hornets, who felt they were the best team last year. The team must now deal with an empty feeling of potential left unfulfilled.

"We are very disappointed," Labella said. "We were really looking forward to a rematch against Montana State." Instead of getting that chance, Montana State won the title for the third straight year on Saturday against Montana.

Friday marked the final collegiate matches for seniors Hossain, Thomas Morton and Paul Komorniczak. The team retains a strong group for next season headed by next year seniors Loredo and Foy. The team also has a highly touted recruiting class, ranked 18th in the country by the Tennis Recruiting Network, headed in next year to try and get the title back to Sacramento.

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Ashley Blank models Cassi Heale's "Risque Business" line at the Student Fashion Association fashion show on Monday in the University Union Ballroom.

Students fashion a show

FRANK MILLER
State Hornet

After all the fabric had been cut and the models made their last strut down the runway, the designers and members of the Student Fashion Association take away more than just a chance to flaunt their abilities.

SFA put together a free Silhouette Fashion Show for approximately 200 people on Monday night in the University Union Ballroom showcasing designs and gaining valuable experience to succeed at the professional level in fashion.

A white dress with cherry print worn by senior business major Amanda Williams was a crowd favorite.

"I liked the polka-dot dress with the little cherries," American River College fashion major Alena Petrova said after the event.

Williams, who returned after last year's show, said backstage was crazy and hectic.

"It was the usual screaming, yelling and running, but I was doing homework until the last minute," Williams said. "I'm used to it."

The only complaint she had was that her hair went flat.

"There was too much teasing in the salon, that's all I have to say," Williams said with a laugh.

SFA President Heather Twomey said putting together a fashion show is harder work than people may think. She was in charge of hiring a DJ, securing a location, hiring models and making sure that all of those elements go off without a hitch on the big night.

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Check statehornet.com for slideshow of Student Fashion Association Silhouette Fashion Show by photographer Melissa Allen

"Last semester the lighting people didn't know how to do the lighting, the semester before that the runway was unstable," Twomey, a senior apparel marketing and design major, said during the weekend before the show. "It's incredibly fast-paced and it brings out a lot of anxiety, but this semester I've had a lot of help."

The nine participating designers had to come up with an average of eight outfits for the show.

Twomey estimated she spends anywhere between 20 to 25 hours a week on her duties as president, which includes building a fashion show from the ground up.

"It's a lot of things that have to come together," Twomey said. "No one is being paid and everyone is self-motivated."

Designer Claudia Cortes joined the SFA last year and has amassed 23 outfits to her collection. She said that being in the SFA has done a lot for her level of confidence as a designer.

"I think once I joined, I became more secure about myself," Cortes said before the event. "I met people that would encourage me."

The senior apparel marketing and design major said that she finds inspiration when she listens to music or sees a color or fabric that catches her eye. She said that people watching and being aware of trends in fashion have also had influence in her designs.

"I actually think that being in the SFA and being the president really helped me to get the job I recently got," Twomey said.

Twomey gained an internship at Nordstrom in buying and merchandising. For this position, she selects which clothes will be sold in a certain department.

Twomey said the focus of the SFA is for those who wish to gain experience in fashion and to gain exposure for designers.

Cortes and Twomey have been interested in fashion since they were young. Cortes credited her aunts as catalysts behind her interest in fashion.

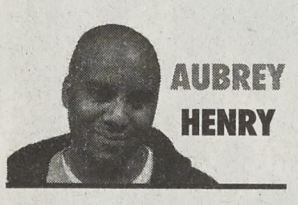
"Some of them were seamstresses,"

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Sexcapades

Porno feeds fantasy needs

Porn is perhaps America's last great frontier in terms of loosening the grip on its world-renowned uptightness in terms of social behavior. Most of the garden variety, social taboos in American culture have become comic fodder these days. Drug culture is practically mainstream. Google "Clinton drug jokes" and your computer could crash. Replace "Clinton" with "Bush" — same story.



AUBREY HENRY

Turn to TBS and Lawrence Taylor is telling children to stay away from drugs while chewing up scenery in Adam Sandler's "Happy Gilmore." Flip the channel and Ashton Kutcher ponders the mysteries of the universe within a haze of herbal inspiration on any "That '70s Show" re-run. Many of us secretly appreciate the all-encompassing racial and ethnic insensitivity of shows such as "Family Guy" and "South Park." (As long as everybody gets a fair share of the abuse, my conscience is appeased.) Television ratings suggest more than a few folks out there agree.

America is pretty cutting-edge compared to the rest of the world in terms of our collective view of self. We can laugh at ourselves with the best of them. We can make jokes out of our numerous social dysfunctions. Not taking yourself too seriously is viewed as a positive. With openness, social sophistication and libertinism abound, I only ponder one thing:

If we're so open-minded and freely opinionated in America, why does it get as quiet as a mouse fart when somebody brings up the subject of porn?

I don't know a single man who hasn't owned pornography, be it a *Playboy*, soft-core HBO flicks or "Girls Gone Wild 28." It's normal for any sexually-aware man or woman to have an interest in porn. It can feed a deep-seated need for

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SHANE ANGELL/STATE HORNET

Oscar Franco, back left, Leighann Gibbons, Autumn Bates and Norm San Juan perform with the Sacramento Amateur Ballroom Dance Company during a dress rehearsal on Saturday in Yosemite Hall in the University Union. The group, directed by Amy Farhood, meets Tuesday and Thursday.

STRICTLY BALLROOM

Ballroom dance company students cover a variety of styles

LAUREN KING
State Hornet

The Sacramento Amateur Ballroom Dance Company at Sacramento State began practice in Yosemite Hall with a warm up and the promise of post-practice push-ups.

"We get pain in the hips from shaking them a lot. It's like, be loose and squeeze at the same time," president Amanda Bugbee said.

The dance company, under the direction of Amy Farhood, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in Yosemite Hall.

The junior business administration major has been dancing with the company for two years. Her favorite dance is the Pirate Waltz. "It's raunchy and fun," Bugbee said.

Farhood taught the company a variety of different dance styles including a theater arts style dance, swing dance, fox trot, samba, tango, the rumba and the pasa doble.

"Anyone can do it with hard work and a positive attitude," Farhood said.

Farhood's program is free except for necessary dance materials such as shoes and a costume. Though the costumes are made to be flashy and fun, Farhood said she understands students are usually on a tight budget, and the company tries to keep costs low.

In fact, last year one of the girls made all the costumes by hand.

"Costumes are sparkly as possible because light reflects off the sparkles," Bugbee said.

But it isn't all about sparkles. The Sacramento Amateur Ballroom Dance Company is undefeated and works hard, practicing its routines for up to 10 hours a week.

"It's so fulfilling, it didn't feel right to receive payment for it," Farhood said.

According to Bugbee, Farhood used personal experiences to create her choreography.

"She had a friend who was dying of cancer," Bugbee said. "This friend's boyfriend married her and took care of her throughout her life until her death.

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Senior drills lessons into Will C. Wood Middle School students

Student wants to be a role model for kids at local middle school

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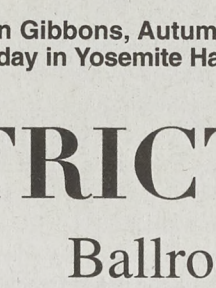
Pregnancy, prostitution and drugs are just a few of the issues facing students at Will C. Wood Middle School. Helping low-income and underprivileged children is a goal for senior social science major Lisa Jones, in her first year as a drill team coach at the middle school.

She said she wants to be able to provide a positive role model for the students and give them guidance.

"I just want them to be happy and OK," the 26-year-old Jones said. "They don't have to be doctors or lawyers, just have all their needs."

Jones will graduate this semester and has been accepted to UC Davis to pursue a master's degree in education and to obtain teaching credentials. She said she plans to become a teacher at schools with high-risk children, where many don't want to teach.

"There are incentives for teaching at these places, which is an illustration of how hard it is for these schools to get people,"



Jones

Jones said.

Jones, who attended Will C. Wood when she was younger, said it's hard for people who are not familiar with the area to understand what these kids go through.

"Growing up in that environment," Jones said, "I just thought I should go back and help those kids."

Jones has always wanted to help people and looked at different areas (child psychologist, a nurse, social worker and juvenile probation officer), but said when she thought of who made the biggest impact on her life, she thought of her teachers.

Working on a project for a class, she went to Will C. Wood to interview her former teachers. One of them asked if she used to be on the drill team when she was in middle school. He told her there hadn't been a drill team on their campus since the previous coach passed away in the early '90s.

"She was very passionate about bringing it back," Jones' supervisor Mary Struhs said. "Without it, many (students) would have nothing to do after school."

"It takes a while to get their respect, (for them) to really understand you and that you really care and are not just there to do a job," Jones said.

According to greatschools.net, the middle school has many students whose primary spoken language at home is either Spanish or Hmong, ranking 49 percent and 33 percent among English language learners, respectively.

The Web site also stated 36 percent are Hispanic or Latino, 35 percent are Asian, 19 percent are African American and 8 percent is white. Because of this, Jones, who is petite with blonde hair and blue eyes, said

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ONLINE
Check statehornet.com for a woman's perspective on pornography, by staff writer Jessica Rojo

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fantasy. By the time a man has gotten to a point in his life where he realizes he's not going to become a debonair super spy or professional athlete, a certain element of the sexual mystery and fantasy that's prevalent earlier in life is lost.

You date, have sex, get married and have more sex (not necessarily in that order). Somewhere along the line, a loss of that sexual awe that can come with unfamiliarity, creativity or even naivete is a given. Enter Kobe Tai, Jenna Jameson and Lexington Steel.

When I was a young teen, I had little interest in pornography because being sexually inexperienced kept the mystery of sex intact. I probably would've needed emergency medical attention if I watched porn at 14. Back then, a slight breeze could raise my sail, so to speak. Oh, it was all so simple then.

If one looks at porn objectively, it's nothing but often fake sex. Because of the social stigma attached to it in America, it gets demonized. This has created a nation of hypocritical, closet porno-watchers that are led to believe that there's something morally wrong with a little "Booty and the Beast."

Men typically believe most women have a problem with pornography, but my experiences have shown me most women are open, if not indifferent, to porn. As sexual attitudes evolve in America, I've learned open-minded women can accept porn as a legitimate form of entertainment and might even enjoy watching it.

Yasmine, who spoke on the condition I not use her last name, thought of pornography as "degrading" to women while growing up in Utah. The junior journalism major at Sacramento State has since adopted a more open stance.

"As I got older, it seemed so funny," Yasmine said with a giggle. "It's not an erotic thing. It's funny to me. Me and my boyfriend can watch it and just laugh."

She also avoids the stereotypical pattern of women taking a boyfriend or husband's pornography watching as a personal snub.

"A lot of women don't understand men," Yasmine said. "It's not that they're trying to replace a wife or girlfriend. Men are just visual, sexual beings."

Many who are anti-porn suggest the industry objectifies women. I say to them, "What's your point?" People naturally objectify each other as objects of desire all the time. Sex isn't a crime against anyone just because of some lights and cameras.

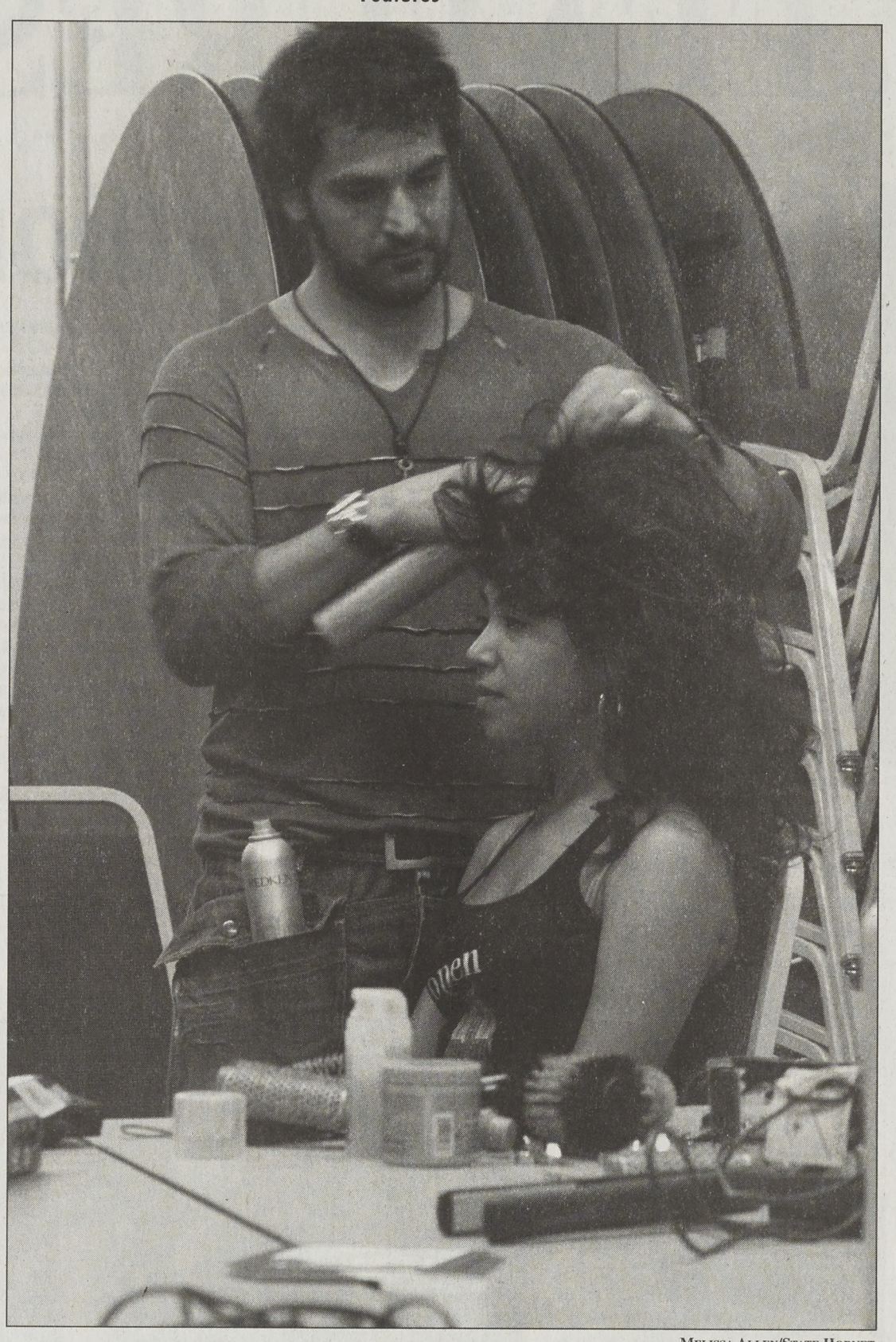
I've never looked at a beautiful beach-going stranger wearing a thong as a person. This hypothetical ass-flashing hottie could fight crime at night, give to the poor and raise orphans, but what her ass looks like in butt floss gives me no insight into her personality. I objectify nameless, faceless passers-by on a day-to-day basis, so I refuse to feel guilty for watching a woman named after an alcoholic beverage get paid $1,500 for doing something most people do for free. Nobody forced her.

I'm referring to consensual, adult sex. That doesn't include child pornography, beastiality or rape flicks — all of which are illegal in the United States.

The porn industry made an estimated $12 billion in profit in 2004, according to *Adult Video News,* the porn industry's unofficial magazine news source. That's a lot of money just for people to perform "the horizontal bop." If my estimation of how many people watch and purchase porn was based upon the average American adult's attitude on porn, all 500 openly "dirty" people in America split that $12 billion in porno flicks between themselves. I know I've contributed my share.

I doubt that porn studio owners are worried about a sex recession anytime soon. Porn will only become more acceptable in America's future. Less conservative countries, such as the Netherlands (where prostitution is legal and regulated) and Germany (where nudity is common on television and magazines) have managed to avoid plague, brimstone and pestilence thus far. Those of us who want to enjoy a late night of "Saving Ryan's Privates" shouldn't be judged.

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Suede Salon stylist Giami works on model Nicole Narlock's hair backstage before the Student Fashion Association Silhouette Fashion Show on Monday at the University Union Ballroom.

FASHION: Student designers show off outfits

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Cortes said. "They made clothes for themselves and I always wanted to do it for myself."

Nicole Brunozzi said her early experiences in fashion began with spending time with her mother making clothes for her Barbie dolls. The senior apparel marketing and design major said she would like to be a designer with her own label someday and is willing to work as a designer for another label for experience.

"You could say I have a passion for fashion," Brunozzi said before the event.

Other than being able to design clothes, Brunozzi said being in the SFA has helped her make a lot of friends and everyone is very close.

Twomey said that the SFA has been at Sacramento State for "four or five years" and anyone can join. She said students can be designers, but not everyone gets into fashion to make outfits.

SFA members organize fundraisers such as bake sales, car washes and handmade jewelry sales. SFA is a non-profit organization and the money that is raised goes toward creating a fashion show.

Models were hired through multiple sources. There was an open audition and Twomey contacted agencies such as John Robert Powers. However, there is a selection process that students and models must complete before they are chosen.

Behind the scenes at the fashion show can be hectic, Twomey said. She said that while some students can be intimidated, her best advice is they do it and immerse themselves so they can learn from their experiences.

"We grow every time we do a show," Twomey said. "We find ways to make things easier."

Additional reporting by Lauren King.

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BALLROOM: Participant ages range for 16 to 50 years old

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The slow sensual movements were choreographed for him and his struggle and pain."

The program has grown, due in large part to Farhood's leadership. Two years ago, the company barely even existed when there were only eight participants. That number has more than quadrupled since.

They have even established an advanced group, consisting of 14 of the most experienced members.

"Some are naturally talented, some grow into their talent," Farhood said.

The ages range from 16 to 50 years old with Sac State students, alumni, UC Davis students and one high school student dubbed a "junior" member.

Bugbee said Farhood has a gift for matching women with complimentary counterparts.

"Amy pairs guys with girls who look good dancing together," Bugbee said.

Not many students come to the Sacramento Amateur Ballroom Dance Company out of the ballroom dance course.

"Few people cross over from class to company at CSUS," Bugbee said. "Most people take the ballroom class as a P.E. class."

Clubs in the Sacramento area, such as the Ballroom of Sacramento on Folsom Blvd., encourage companies like this to succeed, and do their part to help.

"We've practiced at the Sacramento Ballroom," Bugbee said. "They helped us a lot."

Three different dance groups — two intermediate and one advanced — participate.

"The advanced group does most of the competing," Farhood said.

During rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday nights, the group dances to different styles and songs. The music ranges from a Latin Medley to Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal."

"I like the Pirate Waltz the best," sophomore family and consumer science major Dale Bettencourt said.

Bettencourt joined the company almost two years ago and has been hooked ever since. Saide Bettencourt : "The girls down the hall said, 'Come dance with us."

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SHANE ANGELL/STATE HORNET
Nicole Sommers, Maria Tucay and Erika Carpenter dance the pirate waltz on Saturday. "It's raunchy and fun," junior business administration major Amanda Bugbee said.

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JONES: She wants to teach at high-risk schools

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the kids don't think she understands where they come from.

She said that it hurts to see what these children go through. One of Jones' students recently had a pregnancy scare. Another student said she wouldn't be able to attend school anymore because her aunt, who raises her, was going to have surgery and she would not be able to buy her a bus pass anymore. Jones offered to purchase the bus pass for the student.

"Some kids are prostituted by their family just for food to eat," Jones said.

"She is very much respected and liked by students and staff," Struhs said.

Jones said it has been tough raising money for her team and they have not been able to even purchase uniforms.

"Pretty much everything we needed money from has come out of my pocket," Jones said. "I'm small, so I've even brought in clothes for the girls."

Said Struhs: "Lisa recognized it is important that there are teachers who understand (the students') potential and their existing strengths and assets."

She has tried to do as much as possible to help these students. Jones was also able to implement a music day for the campus. Fridays during lunch, music is provided for the students.

She found a friend to donate the music equipment and was even able to get radio station KBMB 103.5 FM to donate music for the school. Jones has also implemented a tutor program for the students, where she works to help the students raise their grades.

Struhs said Jones has impacted the entire campus by coordinating assemblies and rallies for all of the students.

"(The assemblies) deliver positive messages about staying in school and college," Struhs said. "We have 900 students so there is a school-wide impact."

"I think it is the perfect and the best thing for her to do because she didn't have the easiest childhood," long time friend Jennifer Crocket said.

Said Jones: "The best part of my day is when I show up for work and kids run after me and say, 'Ms. Lisa! Ms. Lisa!' Now that I've started, I can't imagine quitting and doing something else."

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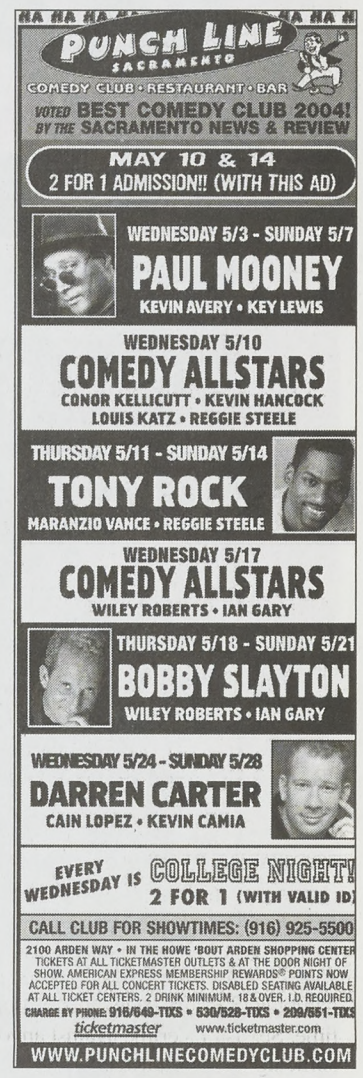
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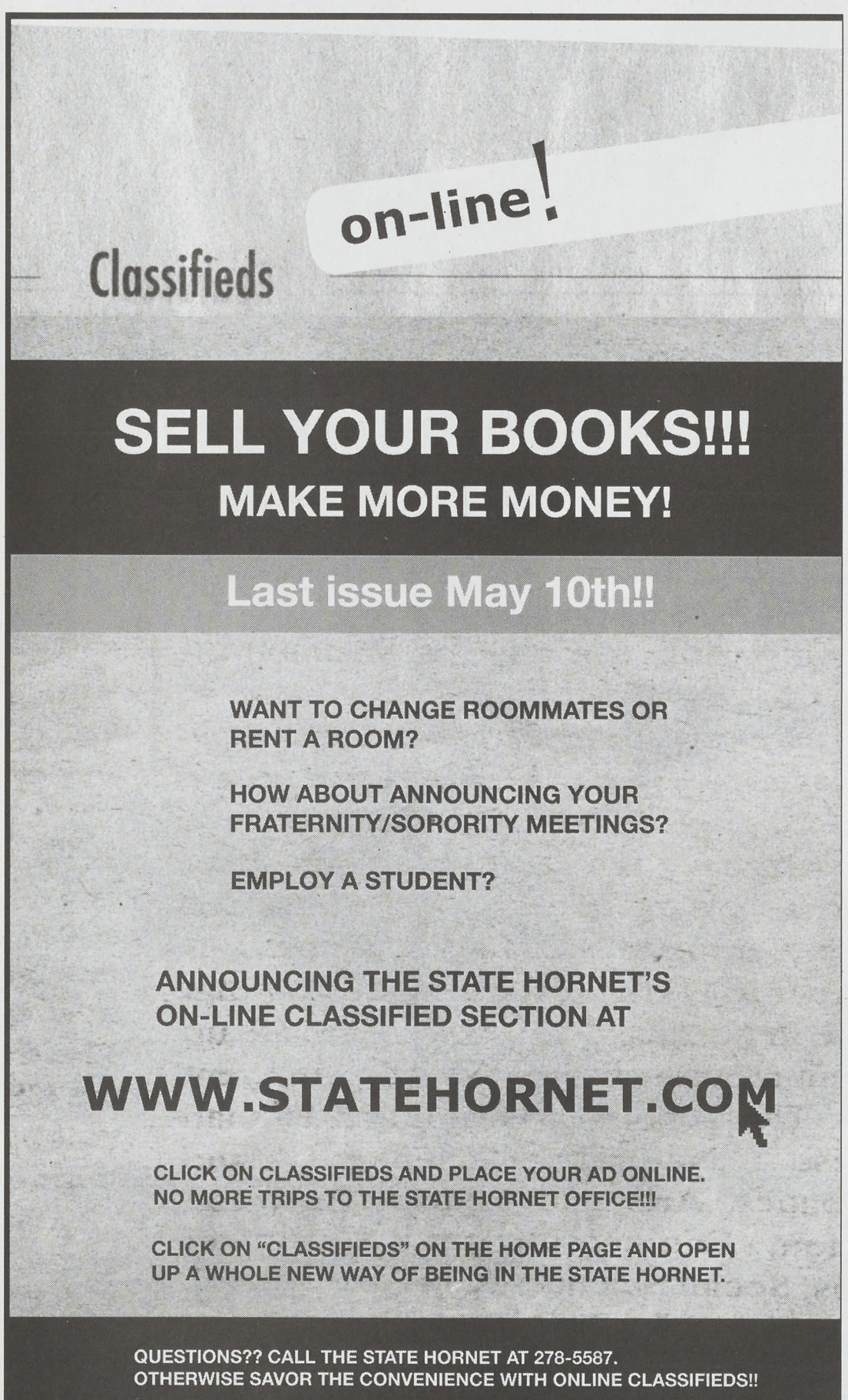
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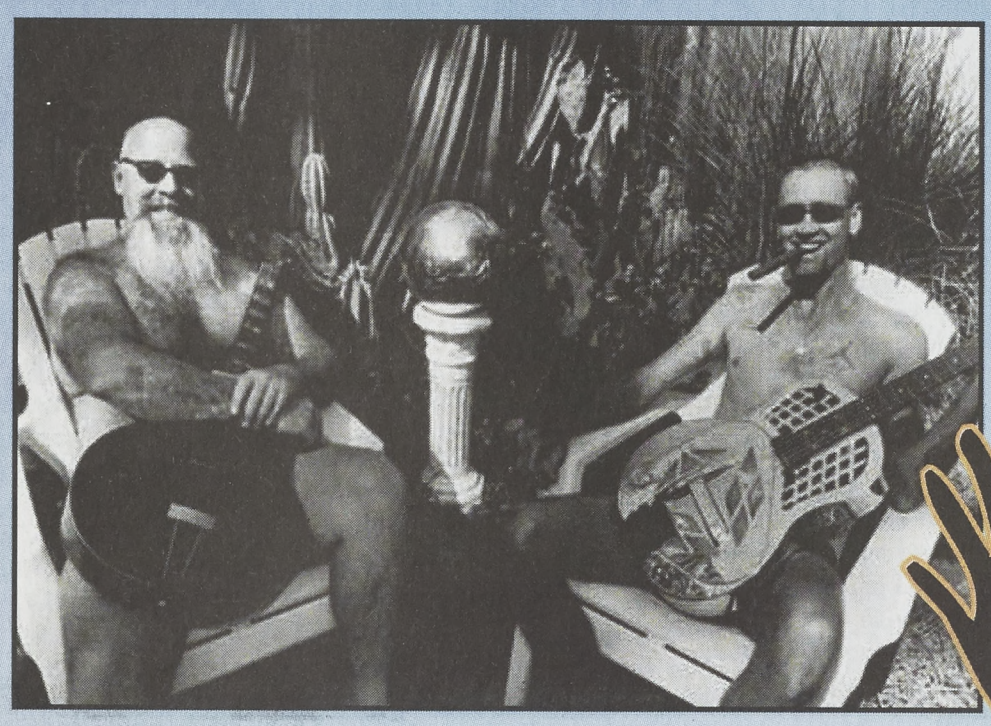
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"I'm just not a good test taker. ... There's always so much pressure to pass."

Stacy Wagner, aspiring teacher

State test for teachers is a nailbiter for some

JOSH HUGGETT
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Stacy Wagner is a determined woman. The Sacramento State liberal studies senior has dreams of becoming a second grade elementary school teacher and has aspired to earn entry to the university's teacher credentials program for much longer than she would like.

Wagner has just taken the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) again. After falling short the first three tries she's a little apprehensive about getting her results back. Like every other hopeful teacher in the state of California, Wagner's road to the front of the classroom runs through the CBEST.

Used as a proficiency measuring stick, the test is a hurdle that all aspiring educators must clear before earning a teaching credential. The test assesses knowledge of many of the basic themes and subjects that individuals have learned throughout their scholastic years and will use in their careers as educators.

The CBEST is broken down into three specific subjects: reading, writing and mathematics. The test is mandatory to any California teacher applying for their first credentials, for a substitute position or if the instructor hasn't taught in the previous three years.

Both the math and reading sections of the CBEST are comprised of 50 multiple choice questions each. The writing portion is a composition format with testers composing two essays. The sections are scored on an 80 point scale. To pass a section, testers must score a 41, but may score as low as 37 in one, if the scores from all three sections add up to at least 123.

Preparing for the test is crucial, says Business graduate student and program representative Lisa Marie, of the Sac State College of Continuing Education. The college offers a preparatory three week class in the weeks leading up to the test that gives test takers an opportunity to get a glimpse of the test's format and the kind of questions to expect.

"The test preparation courses are nice because the instructors have seen the test and can give you an insight as to what the questions are like," she said. "But these classes are meant to supplement individual study and not to be relied on alone. It takes a lot of individual study and you can't just take the class and expect to ace the test. "

According to the College's website, there is a $265 fee for the class, but Marie says that the fee is a small price to pay for piece of mind, as well as the passing grade. But despite the advantages of taking the class, according to Marie, enrollment numbers in the class have been dwindling over the past years.

"The last session we ran we had only 10 people sign up," said Marie. The fee covers any subsequent course participation, if the test is not passed the first time around.

"I'm just not a good test taker," said Wagner. "There's always so much pressure to pass." Although Wagner has passed one of the three legs of the test, the writing portion, both the math and reading sections have eluded her thus far. The CBEST does not require individuals to complete all three sections at one time. Takers may opt to take only one or two sections and return to finish the final portion at a later date.

"It's really tough because a lot of the reading questions just ask your opinion about a problem or situation" said Wagner. "And I haven't taken a math class since my freshman year, so it's hard to refer back to what I learned from it."

Wagner said that because of the high price of the preparatory class, she instead has used the Cliff's Notes booklet to prepare. Her scores in the two remaining test portions have improved each time she's taken it, but she's still nervous about getting her most recent results back.

Liberal Studies graduate Amanda Carriker passed the test on her first try, and is now in the blended credential program at Sac State. And although she admitted having little problems with the test, she agrees with Wagner, saying that some of the test questions are a bit biased.

"There are some opinion questions on the CBEST," said the aspiring 4th grade instructor. "But before I took it I had looked through some books just to see what types of questions were on it." Carriker also said that stamina is also important when taking the five hour exam.

"It's very tedious because it is so long and it takes so much time," she said.

For more information about the test, visit the CBEST website at www.cbest.nesinc.com/. For more information or to sign up for the CBEST preparatory class offered at Sac State, call (916) 278-4433 or visit the College of Continuing Education website.

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Dealing with disabilities in the workplace

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Dilemma: *I am a graduating senior looking for potential jobs and have currently started the interview process. I have a disability that can and might have an effect on my productivity at work and I will most likely need special accommodations. When, if ever, do you think that I should tell my potential boss and co-workers?*

— Rebeca S.

Having a disability can sometimes be uncomfortable to talk about in fear that the person whom are you speaking with will think differently of you, treat you differently, look down on you, etc. It should be possible to talk about having ADD, depression, dyslexia, hearing/visual impairments or multiple sclerosis without running into worries or skepticism. However, this is rarely the case. In today's world, people might be familiar with disabilities but might not understand their effects on the individuals too. Because of that, stereotyping and preconceived notions easily arise.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), an individual is "disabled" if he or she meets at least any one of the following tests: 1. He or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of his/her major life activities 2. He or she has a record of such an impairment; or 3. He or she is regarded as having such an impairment.

There is a law now to protect against discrimination on the basis of disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 makes it unlawful to discriminate when employing a qualified individual with a disability. In fact, employers are bound by law to provide what are called "reasonable accommodations" in the workplace.

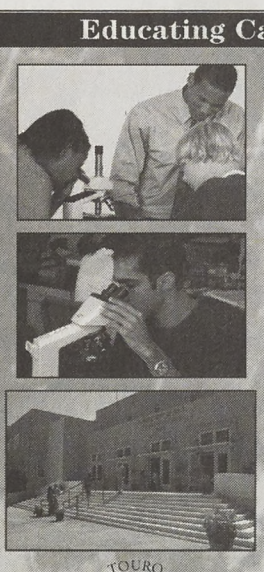
When you are job seeking, do not be afraid of applying or interviewing because of your condition. Do not tell your boss or co-workers when starting a new job. Instead, let them get to know you, and then when there is a basis of trust and the time is right, let them know. Be sure to explain your disability, because once they understand where you are coming from, it will make your work environment more satisfying and productive. Once you tell your boss or co-workers, try not to get defensive, but rather be sympathetic with the other person's point of view. They may never have heard of your condition and at first it may sound suspicious. They may think "There's a neurological condition to explain why you're disorganized, frequently leaving for doctor's appointments, irritable, forgetful, late and impulsive? Come on."

There is a myth that disabled employees cost more. However, in reality, "reasonable accommodations" don't usually cost much at all; many, in fact, are free. Around two-thirds of employers with less than 50 employees say they incurred no extra costs as a result of employing a disabled person. In general, larger companies are more likely to have employed individuals with similar disabilities and have some sort of coverage plan for them.

The Bottom Line: Whether you are from the Bay Area or the OC, are admitted as a freshman or a transfer, are "normal" or disabled, don't let that label define you. You are what you make of yourself.

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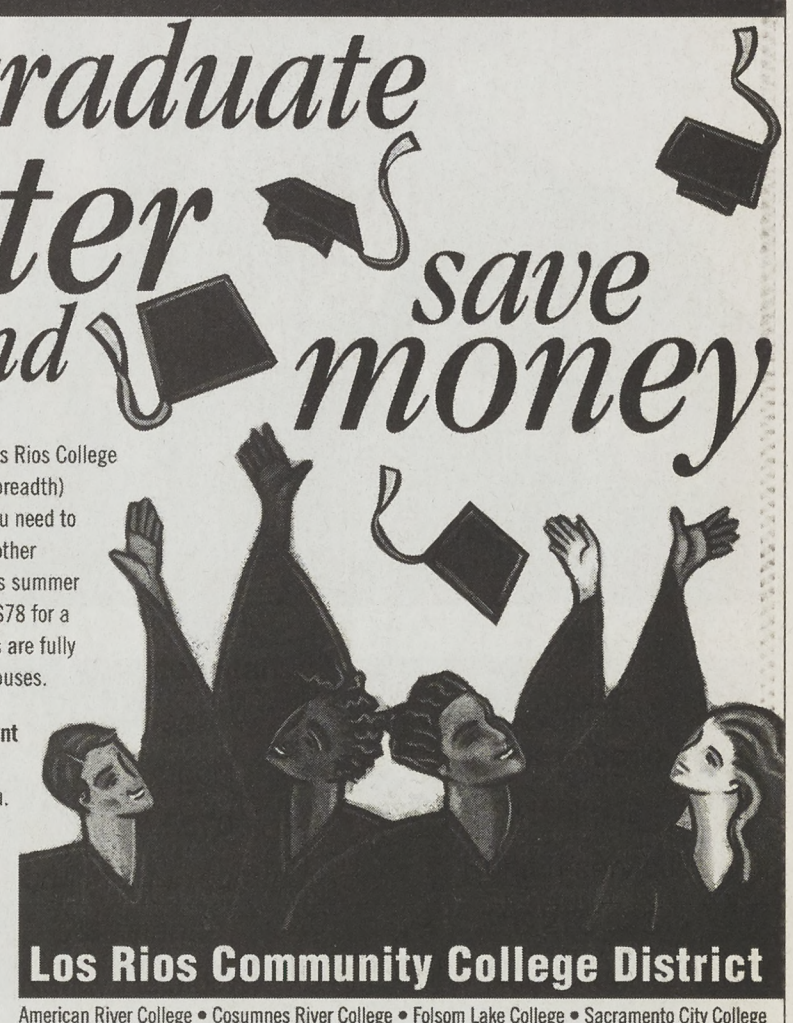
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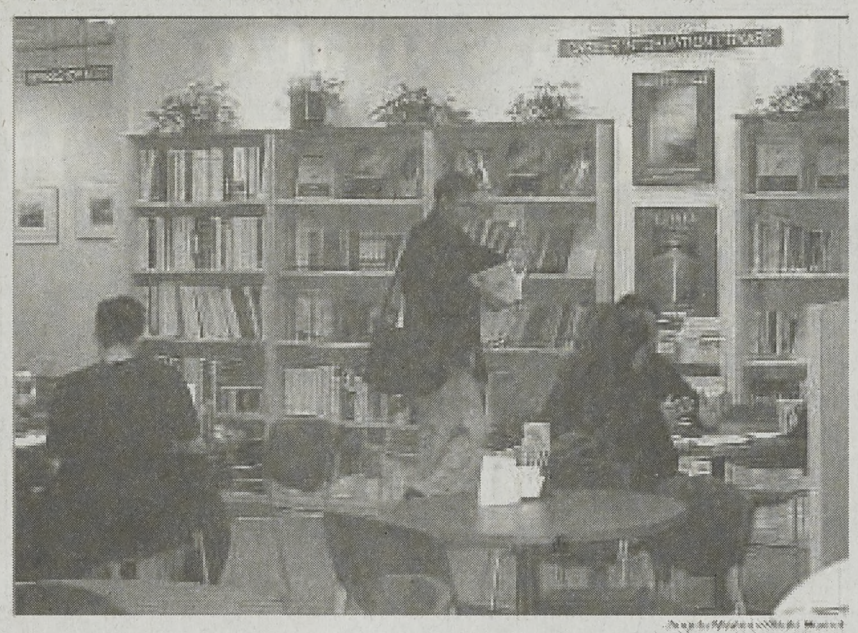
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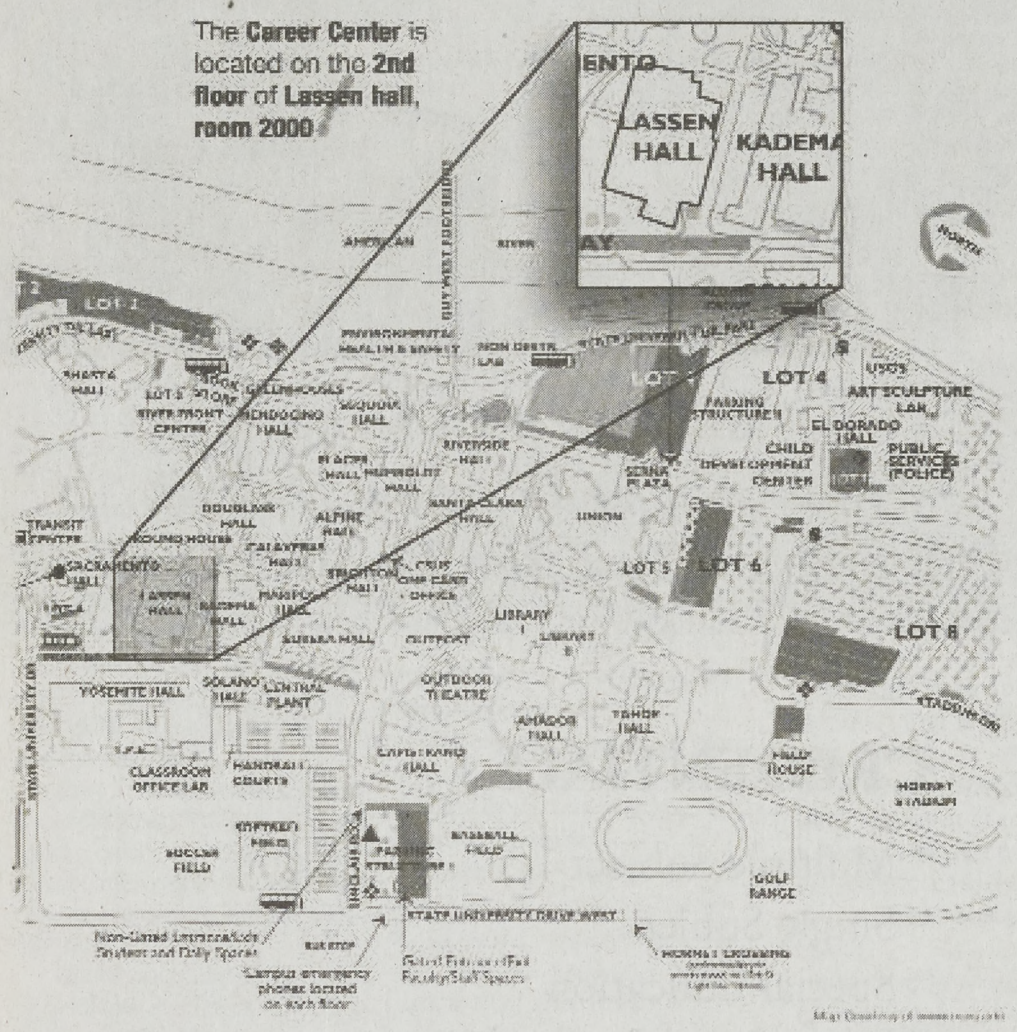
Welcome to the Career Center

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Jump starting on careers

Tony Hallwourg, middle, a graduate student majoring in public relations, utilizes the Career Center library to look up information along with fellow students on majors, jobs, and internships.



"If five equally qualified applicants are applying for three positions at a company, the company will have to nitpick over the résumé."

Candace McGee, internship program manager

First impressions made with résumé

JAMIE GONZALES
State Hornet

With finals and 10-page papers filling the schedules of graduating seniors, working on resumes gets pushed to the back of the schedule.

However, résumés are often the first impression that employers receive of graduating students.

There are numerous books, Web sites and computer programs that offer the best résumé templates in the world. Retail stores offer stationery to help make graduating students' résumés stand out among the rest. However, students must realize that employers do not care.

Eva Gabbe, the employer relations manager of the Sacramento State Career Center, said colored and designed stationery may have been the fashion 20 years ago, but now employers are looking for the professional look.

White, off-white or cream-colored paper is best for printing resumes on. The object is to have a crisp résumé that will copy well, Gabbe said.

"Employers are also looking for three main topics on a résumé," said Martha Schuster, a career counselor at the Career Center. "Work accomplishments, academic accomplishments and community/campus involvement."

Schuster said students must show a balance between academics and campus programs. However, if students lack experience in either work or campus/community activities, they could emphasize the other.

Students must show they can be leaders, if need be. Schuster said if students were captains of a high school sports team, but really weren't active in college, to go ahead and add the high school experience. Otherwise, do not include references to high school.

Gabbe advised students to also include GPA (if 3.0 and above), along with any work-related courses. If an accounting major is applying to H&R Block, then it is OK to include upper-division or graduate courses that may not have been required for the major.

Employers also look to see if applicants have well-balanced work experience, Schuster said. So if a student had worked at McDonald's throughout college but is applying to a hospital, then the student should include the fast food experience on the resume. Employers may see this as a sign that this particular applicant is willing to work hard for what he or she wants.

Schuster also said graduating students should include the jargon of the particular field in the resume. "Students need to prove to the employer that they know the language of the field," she said.

The most common mistake that causes employers to send the résumé into the trash are grammatical errors, said Candace McGee, the internship program manager of the Career Center.

She suggested having several pair of eyes look over the résumé to make sure that everything is correct.

"If five equally qualified applicants are applying for three positions at a company, the company will have to nitpick over the resumes," McGee said.

Employers are looking for one-page résumés. However, if a graduating student worked in the field for 20 years or just worked at a lot

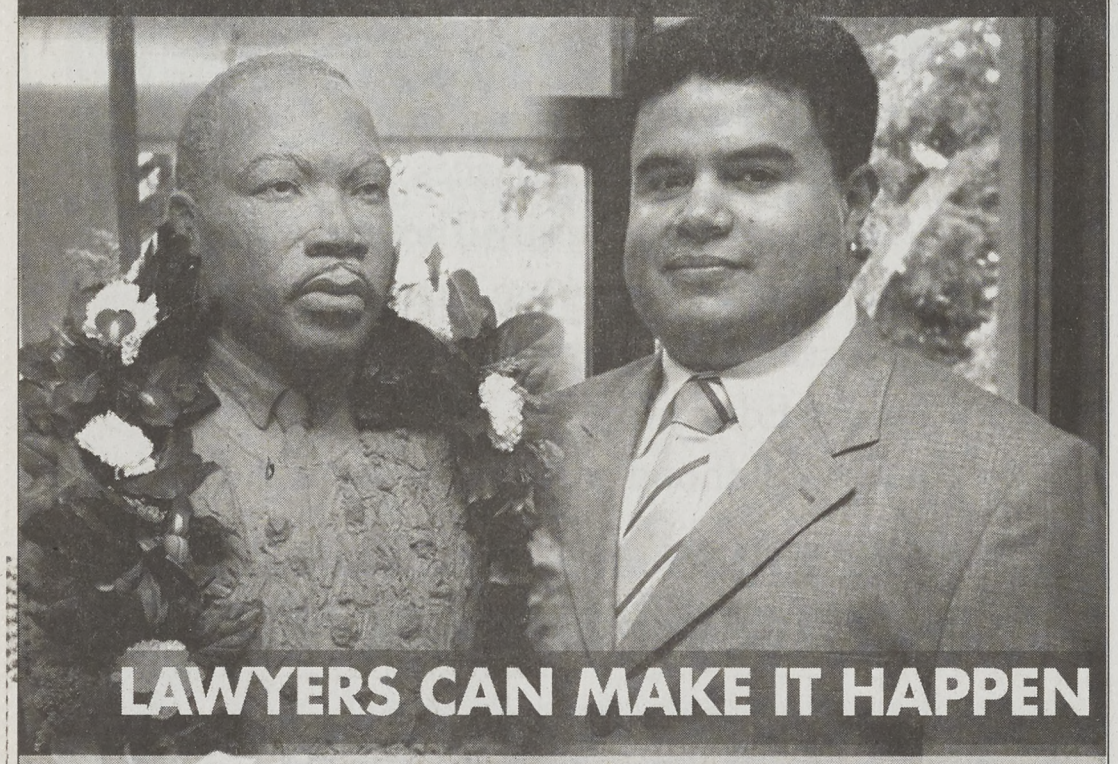
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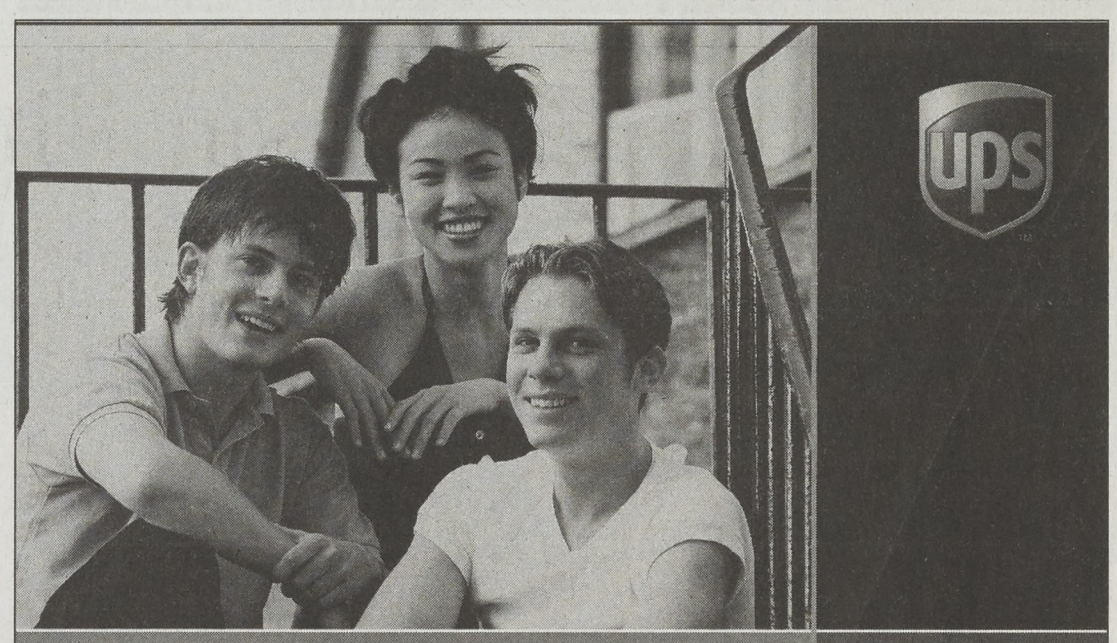
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Steven Vu talks with Janet Tang while waiting for appointments in the Career Center. The center, located in Lassen Hall, is open on weekdays and offers a variety of resources.

RESUME: Cover letter is vital

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of places, then it is OK to have two pages. But Gabbe said two pages is the maximum.

The one part of the job application that has become a necessity is the cover letter, McGee said.

Schuster said the only time students do not need to have a cover letter is during a career fair or an on-campus interview with employers. The cover letter shows the employer that the applicant has writing, oral and soft skills. Soft skills are communication and interpersonal skills.

Even if students are applying to a field where writing is not necessary, such as construction or accounting, employers still look for applicants with writing skills, she said.

Gabbe said the cover letter should also be direct. The first paragraph should say what position the graduate student is applying for. The second or third paragraphs should include any experience and skills that the applicant may not have included in the resume. The final paragraph should thank the employer for his or her time and have a follow-up time.

Schuster said employers love applicants who show that they are not only qualified, but also proactive. She mentioned how one employer appreciated that one applicant sent a thank-you letter after an interview.

She also suggested that graduating students may want to hand-deliver their cover letters and resumes, if possible.

"With a lot of smaller businesses around, it tells a lot about the applicant," Schuster said. "It also puts the applicant's name right in front of the employer."

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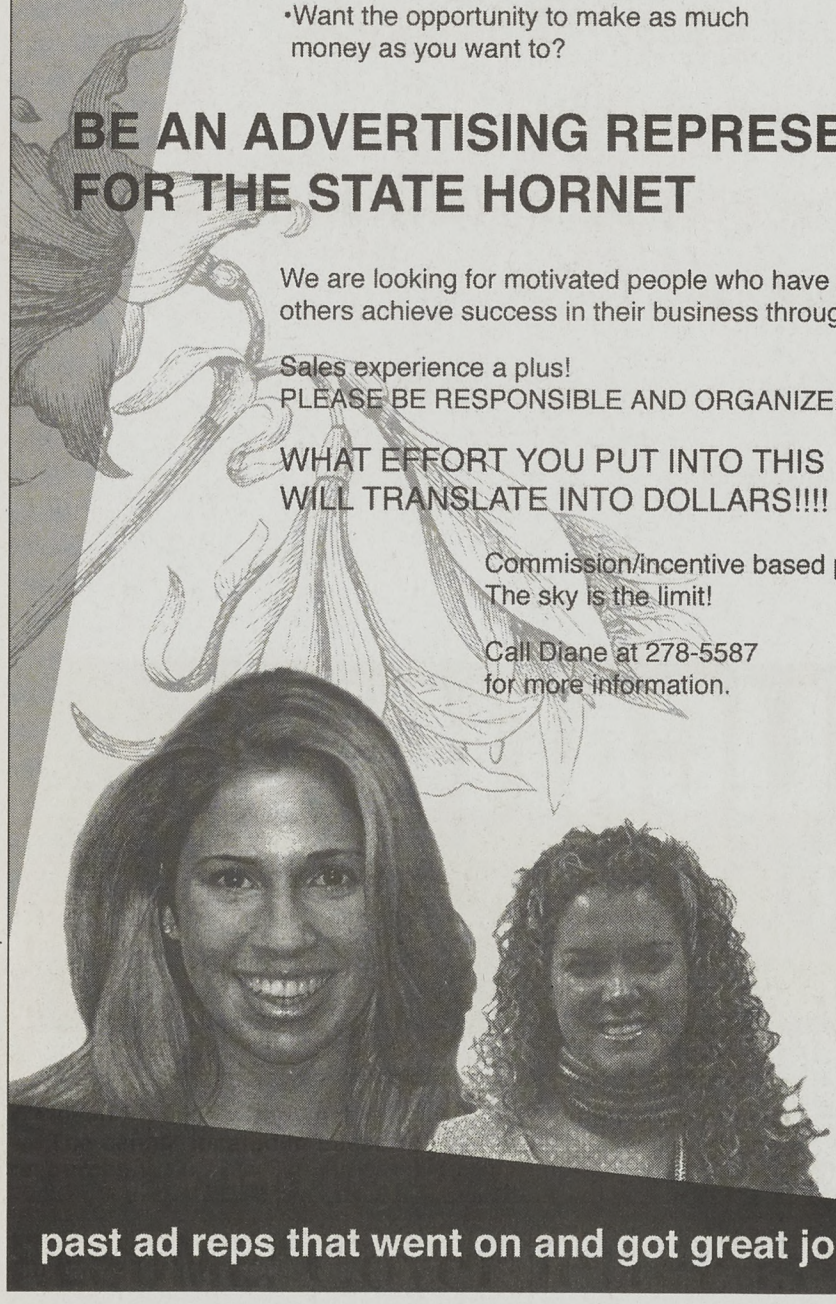
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Study: Grads from elite schools not faring better

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MARY VITALE
Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

U-WIRE – Last week, the University of Michigan published the results of a study that reported that graduates from "elite" and "high prestige" universities do not fair any better in the job market than graduates from public schools like Sacramento State, or low-tier colleges.

The study followed the college and career paths of high school graduates from the last 35 years. According to the results, elite college students showed no significant gains in their early, mid or late careers when compared to college graduates from other less-prestigious schools.

Career Services Director Richard Leger said it is difficult to say how Boston University graduates compare against the study because the office does not track graduates' career growth in the long run, but he said employers always appreciate BU graduates.

"I can't answer (if BU graduates fair better), but employers always think very highly of our graduates," he said. "I cannot necessarily prove that we do better, but employers have told me that they really like what they see in graduates from BU."

Leger said Boston University has become more prominent in recent years because of the good press the university receives.

"BU is very well known," College of Arts and Sciences freshman Megan Riley said, "so I think it will (help in the job market)."

Many students said in addition to the prestigious name that goes along with a university, preparation aids students even more throughout their career upon graduation. Students said alumni status did not draw them to BU, and many said they had never even looked into that factor.

"I didn't look at the alumni status," Riley said. "I think your choice of college should be more about what you do for yourself and not what the college has done for other people."

College of Communication sophomore Andrew Lugren said it is up to students to apply themselves to be motivated and successful in the job market.

"It is just as likely for a graduate from a low prestige community college to land a great job than it is for a student from an elite school like BU," he said, "if the graduate from the lower prestigious school applied himself more and took more away from what his school had to offer than the BU graduate did."

Some students said they felt the study was flawed because it is impossible to determine what kind of graduates do better in their careers when each school is different.

"All those studies about these things never make any sense to me," CAS sophomore Stephen Corgan said. "I think it is impossible for researchers to even determine what schools should be considered elite and how much success graduates have, because students from one particular elite school could have a great job placement statistic and another equally elite school could have a terrible one."

Leger said job placement for BU graduates still remains positive.

"The job prospects for our graduates are decent," he said. "As long as students have a good job strategy and work hard, they should be okay."

Hiring of college graduates on rise

According to a report released Tuesday by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, more than 60 percent of employers plan to hire more college grads this year.

"We're seeing a greater range of opportunities opening up for new college graduates," said Marilyn Mackes, the association's executive director. "Employers in all sectors are projecting an increase in hiring."

Nationally, college graduate job placement is expected to increase by 11.1 percent from last year, according to the report.

– Minnesota Daily

Study: Top firms hiring more men

The numbers of graduating female and male seniors enrolled in law school remain even -- but more top law firm partnerships are going to men than women, according to a recent survey.

The survey, Facts About Women and the Law, published by the American Bar Association, found that law firms hire an even number of male and female associates, but those numbers drastically change where higher posts are concerned.

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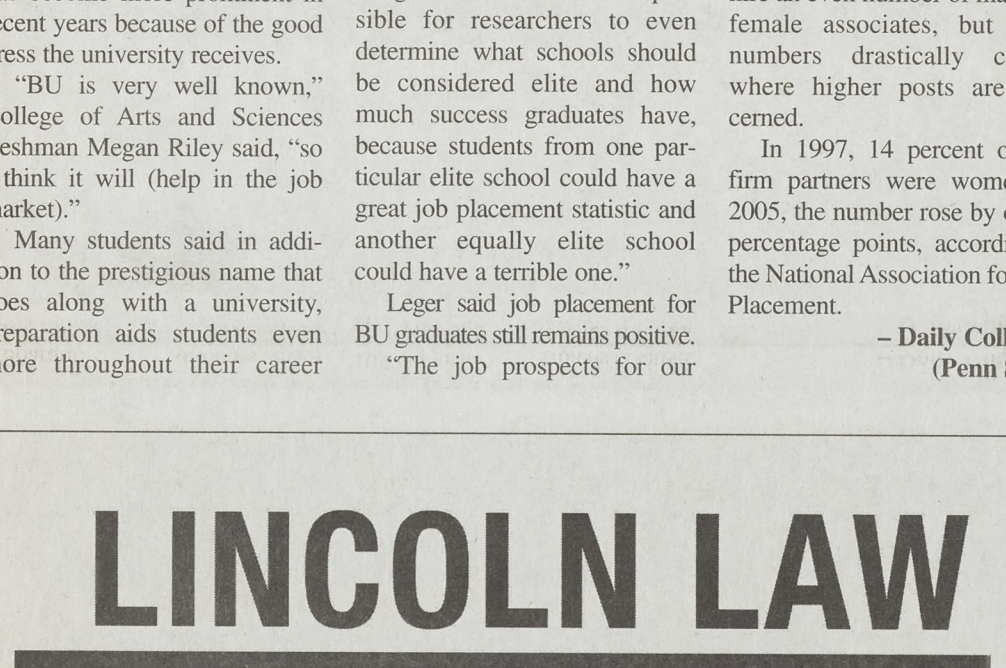
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